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## A Legacy of Practical Education for Adults

JOSEPH UGRAS, PH.D., CMA, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES

THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES follows the Christian Brothers' tradition of "meeting students where they are"—geographically, intellectually, and professionally. Historically, the Christian Brothers have worked to respond to the social needs of the community. St. John Baptist de La Salle strove to respond to these needs not only by providing education for the poor boys of 17th-century Rheims, but also by establishing means to train teachers to provide practical education to students of all ages and abilities.

Carrying on the Founder's vision after his death, the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 19th-century France were recognized for their ability to respond to new needs in education. Their innovative and notable programs included classes in the evening for adults. Between 1830 and 1848, the Christian Brothers taught more than 48,000 working men in evening classes in France.

In this issue of *La Salle Magazine*, you will read about how the University remains committed to St. John Baptist de La Salle's legacy of education for all—including working adults who juggle courses, families, careers, and many other responsibilities. Led by Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, La Salle's President, the University solidified its dedication to adult learners with the creation of its first college in 2006: the College of Professional and Continuing Studies.

The College was established to accommodate the educational needs of adult learners. Its structural autonomy allows it to be creative and to quickly respond to those needs with new programs and services. The professional environment is now far more complex, given broader access to technology, globalization, changes in the way we communicate, and increased access to information through the Internet. To advance professionally, adults must equip themselves to meet complex professional challenges, and organizations need to continuously develop their workforce to stay competitive and pursue new opportunities.

In the past, an undergraduate degree was considered the terminal degree. Many individuals spent the majority of their working years in the same position at the same organization. Today, however, many careers demand a graduate



degree, certificate, or other form of ongoing education and training in order to remain up-to-date in the field and gain specialized knowledge in their discipline. The value of education for adult learners is manifested in professional as well as personal growth.

For adult learners, courses of study need to be focused and compact to accommodate busy schedules. To that end, the College offers convenient programs in the evenings or on weekends and delivers programs beyond Main Campus in Northwest Philadelphia. Programs offered at our Bucks County Center in Newtown, Pa., allow adult learners to experience the same La Salle excellence without the commute to Philadelphia. Our new location at the Metroplex Corporate Center in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, will be open for adult learners who want to study closer to home or work starting in January 2008. More La Salle courses are being offered through the convenience of online technology, and specialized, online non-credit courses, such as Six Sigma training, project management, Microsoft certification, and medical coding for health-care professionals, are offered as well.

While La Salle continues to provide opportunities for personal and professional growth to students starting or continuing their college education as adults. The College of Professional and Continuing Studies is also working closely with the Office of Alumni Relations to play a larger role in addressing the lifelong educational needs of our graduates. We intend to be the institution of choice of all adult learners for their practical educational needs. I look forward to seeing you at one of our programs.

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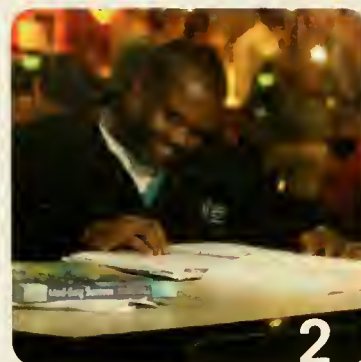
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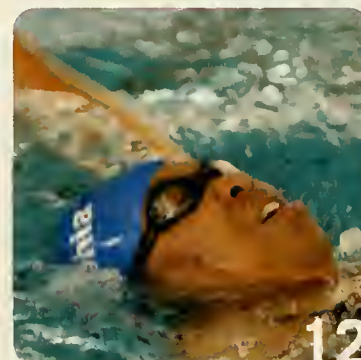
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# Lifelong Learning

New College Continues  
Enduring Tradition of  
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WHEN ADULTS DECIDE TO RETURN TO COLLEGE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION OR ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS, THEY BRING WITH THEM A UNIQUE SET OF NEEDS AS THEY BALANCE JOBS, FAMILIES, AND SCHOOL. FORTUNATELY, AS YOU WILL LEARN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, LA SALLE'S COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES HAS SET OUT TO MEET ADULT STUDENTS' NEEDS IN LINE WITH THE TRADITION OF ITS FOUNDER—AND EXCEED STUDENTS' EXPECTATIONS OF HOW CONVENIENT, COMFORTABLE, AND INSPIRING AN EDUCATION CAN BE.

In 1946, La Salle's Evening Division officially opened with 36 students. Hugh Carroll, '52, was the first student to officially enroll in the Evening Division. The Hugh Carroll Award is now given to a Professional and Continuing Studies student who has made significant contributions to the University's evening undergraduate programs.



BY THOMAS W. DURSO

BILL KLINE READILY CONCEDES THAT when he visits area employers and community colleges to talk to potential students about La Salle's College of Professional and Continuing Studies, the University's mission is not at the top of the list of topics they want to discuss.

"They ask about accelerated programs and locations," said Kline, the College's Associate Director of Recruitment for Bucks County. "Adult learners want to get done as quickly as possible, and they're looking for convenience."

Yet as pragmatic as those aspects of education sound, targeting programs to people's needs, educating students in accessible locations, and meeting them where they are in life are an integral part of the Lasallian mission. Through six decades of name changes, new structures, and differing educational emphases, that mission has remained a constant.

"The University's commitment to nontraditional learners has been ever strong," said Liz Heenan, Assistant Dean of the College. "The mission of the Christian Brothers has been to work with and support nontraditional students of all types. But our approach to satisfying their needs has changed over time."

And the College has responded accordingly.

## Lighting Up Campus

Founded in 1946 as La Salle's Evening Division, the program was launched in large part to educate soldiers and sailors returning from World War II; they worked during



### CONSTANCE SUMNER, '94, MSN '99

Dropping out of high school in 10th grade didn't deter Constance Sumner from completing her college education as an adult at La Salle. She said the flexibility of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies helped her continue to work full time and earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.

"My warmest memories are of the academic scholars in the nursing school, specifically Dr. Zane Wolf (Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences)," Sumner said. "Dr. Wolf is someone I look up to and respect immensely. She played an integral role in my success at the BSN and MSN level as she nurtured me through my first published article in a major nursing journal."

Although it took time to complete the program, Sumner remained optimistic.

"I received a well-rounded liberal arts education at La Salle, which compliments the holistic practice of nursing," she said.

Sumner received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from La Salle in 1994 and 1999, respectively. Her daughter also graduated from La Salle in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Sumner works part time as the Coordinator for Community Outreach at Fox Chase Cancer Center and part time as an adjunct clinical faculty member at the Community College of Philadelphia.

(From left) The first three deans of La Salle's Evening Division, Br. Gregory Paul Sprissler, F.S.C.; Joseph J. Sprissler, D.C.S., founder of the school; and Br. Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., on campus in the mid-1960s.

the day and studied at night. Legend has it that founding director Joseph J. Sprissler, D.C.S., kept the lights on in all classrooms despite the sparse early attendance in order to signal to passing automobile and foot traffic that La Salle was serious about evening education.

The Evening Division became the School of Continuing Studies in 1991; four years later it was rechristened the Office of Continuing Studies. A 2005 reorganization led to the creation of the current incarnation, the College of Professional and Continuing Studies, which educates adult learners seeking bachelor's and master's degrees in a variety of fields and offers an array of certificate programs, many of them reflecting the most current professional trends.

"We have a comprehensive collection of courses," said Joseph Y. Ugras, Ph.D., Dean of the College. "Some of them are online; some of



**JIM BROUSSARD, '57**

When Jim Broussard decided to pursue his college degree in 1952, he was disappointed to find that many prominent area schools were unaffordable and only offered a Certificate of Accomplishment upon graduation.

"Inadvertently, I found out that La Salle was offering a college degree upon completion of night school and was affordable to boot," Broussard said. "A college degree had a very important and lasting benefit that favorably impacted my career."

Although time constraints between a demanding employer and late school nights posed a challenge, Broussard said La Salle's faculty members were very accommodating. Broussard started studying general business, then switched to accounting when he discovered his job would pay half of his tuition.

Broussard graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting in June 1957. He is currently employed at Dynamic Risk Assumption Inc., an owner of intellectual property patents, as well as Evans, Conger, Broussard, and McCreia Inc., a commercial insurance brokerage firm.

them are hybrid—a mix of online and face-to-face—and some are purely face-to-face. From subjects such as communication to computer programming to Microsoft certification to business, we have a whole set of opportunities. These are going to continue to evolve, and every year, we think, we're going to change 10 to 20 percent of what we offer in the nontraditional arena to provide state-of-the-art, new developments in the field."

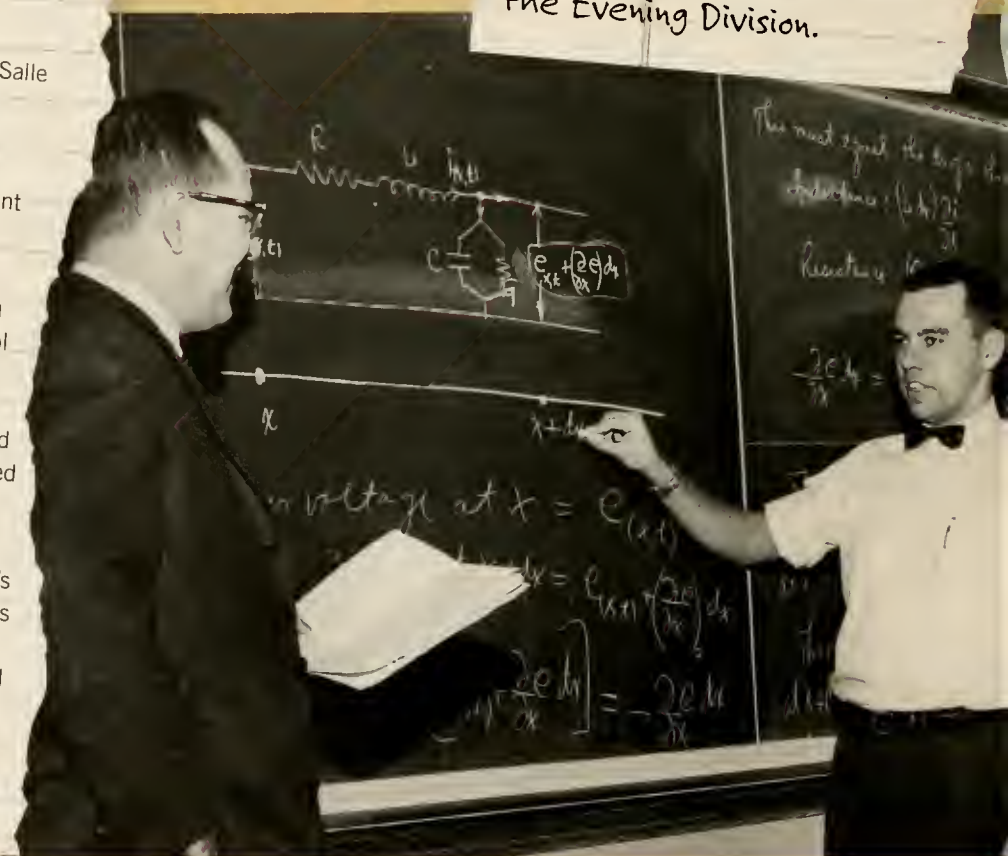
Identifying the seminal changes of an institution that has undergone almost constant evolution since its inception is no mean feat, yet if one were pressed, zeroing in on the eight-year tenure of Brother Emery

Mollenhauer, F.S.C., as dean of the Evening Division wouldn't be a bad place to start. From 1961

to 1969, enrollment in the Evening Division more than doubled. Br. Emery installed a curriculum that replaced an emphasis on technical education with a focus on liberal arts, and the Evening Division went co-ed, three years before the day school did.

"They were the happiest years of my life," Br. Emery said. "Later presidents of the University told me I was a kind of president at night."

From 1964 to 1983, the Evening Division published its own *Evening Collegian*, independent of the standard college newspaper. Previously, the *Collegian* had dedicated one page to news from the Evening Division.





More than 10,000 adult students have graduated from La Salle.

The average age of a student in the College of Professional and Continuing Studies is 32.

## A Unique Approach

As students and, later, as graduates, those who earn degrees from the College of Professional and Continuing Studies enjoy an experience that, though obviously different, is no less Lasallian than what traditional-age students encounter.

John Malone, who taught writing in the Evening Division and School of Continuing Studies from 1961 to 1992 and now is an adjunct professor of English in the School of Arts and Sciences, notes that while Evening Division students are as bright as their younger counterparts, they typically display a greater sense of seriousness and drive.

"They are extraordinarily conscientious, hard-working students in the Evening Division," he recalled. "They are goal-oriented; they want to succeed, and by and large they work very hard to do so. They have a more serious approach—more business-oriented."

That approach, melded with the same academic rigor that prevails in the day school, has helped La Salle's adult education division to produce Woodrow Wilson and Fulbright scholars, among other achievements. Many alumni have gone on to become leaders both at the University and within the Philadelphia region.

"La Salle prides itself on a long tradition of serving the needs of nontraditional students," said James K. Gulick, '89, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations. "They don't have any less strong an affinity for the University—it's just a different affinity. They

make strong connections with the University, often in different ways."

## Making a Connection

The Lasallian notion of meeting students where they are dates all the way back to St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers, who taught in the vernacular and on Sundays, because that was the only free time commoners had to pursue education. Moreover, he adapted his curriculum according to the particular needs of students, instructing those along the coastal area of Normandy in navigation, for example, and teaching bookkeeping in Paris, France's commercial center.

That sense of adaptability has informed a spirit of evolution within the College that continues to this day. Location in Bucks and Montgomery counties, certificate programs in contemporary subject areas, and graduate programs overseas reflect the College's longstanding ability to respond to student desires in terms of both programming and delivery.

"The Brothers have always practiced pragmatism," said Raymond Ricci, '67, former Vice President for Enrollment Services and now Special Assistant to the President for Lasallian Mission and Assistant to the Provost for Freshman Year Programs. "They've always had an eye on providing educational programs to help people move along in life. The idea of providing programs that meet market needs has been a guiding principle throughout all of the College's forms."

Malone recalled teaching writing to a La Salle cafeteria worker, a woman in her early 60s, who was taking classes at night. The woman earned a poor grade in Malone's class, and so he was surprised to find her back in his classroom the next semester. He tried to persuade her

### CYNTHIA R. BRADLEY, '07

Returning to college as a mature student who had to balance schoolwork and the demands of life seemed like a daunting task to Cynthia Bradley. However, the services and guidance offered by La Salle quelled Bradley's fears and made it a smooth transition.

Bradley enrolled in the College of Professional and Continuing Studies' accelerated degree program in organizational dynamics, then switched her major to liberal studies. She received the Charlotte Newcombe Foundation Scholarship, an award that recognizes the educational accomplishments of women, from the University, learned to compose research papers and presentations, made the Déan's List each semester, and was inducted into both the University's Alpha Epsilon Honor Society for service and the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society.

"One lasting benefit of a La Salle education is that one learns to keep learning. I am now enrolled in the Bilingual/Bicultural Studies master's program at the University," Bradley said. "My experience at La Salle confirmed what I always believed—that education is not just a goal, but a lifelong experience, if you are willing to take the journey."

Bradley graduated from La Salle in May 2007—the same day her younger daughter graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently a community organizer at Mount Airy, USA, a nonprofit neighborhood revitalization organization.

to retake the class with another instructor, reasoning that a different approach might help her learn better.

"She said, 'Mr. Malone, I insist on taking this course again, and I'm going to do so much better,'" he

said. "And she did. She got a very, very good grade. I kept in touch with her, and seven years later she graduated from La Salle University with a degree in social sciences. When she graduated, she

*The Evening Division  
admitted female students  
for the first time in 1967.*

## Bringing Programs to the Students

BY MARIAN BUTCHER

More than 60 years after La Salle officially launched its Evening Division, College Hall isn't the only place that lights up at night. In addition to Main Campus, classes are held at satellite centers in Bucks and Montgomery counties. La Salle's lights even shine overseas, in the Czech Republic, Greece, and Switzerland, and on the Internet.

"Many years ago, we decided to follow Saint John Baptist de La Salle's guidance and bring the La Salle excellence to where the students are," said Joe Ugras, CMA, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies. "Our working students do not have to travel to Main Campus to enroll into a La Salle University program. The programs and the services are brought to the students in state-of-the-art centers that are learning-friendly for working adults."

In this era of juggling family life and career, La Salle's approach has been to bring education to the students. Those who live or work outside of Philadelphia may find it more convenient to enroll in classes in



Newtown, Pa., at the Bucks County Center, or in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Opened in 1997, the Bucks County Center was expanded in 2006 with an additional 20,000 square feet, 13 classrooms, a science lab, a computer lab, and two nursing labs. The resource center/library, dining facility and student lounge, and executive seminar and conference space were also expanded.

La Salle classes in the MBA and Clinical-Counseling Psychology graduate programs had been held at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Montgomery County until this fall, when the University announced that it would move its Montgomery County operations to the Metroplex Corporate Center in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

"The location seemed to have all of the best features for our students—a great location just off major roads, a chance to have a space constructed to our specifications, and a unique opportunity to give our students the best of the best in terms of a facility for learning," said Terry Jackson, Director of La Salle's Part-time MBA Program.



*(Left) La Salle's Bucks County Center in Newtown, Pa.*



landed a job counseling senior citizens for the state of Pennsylvania. That was something I'll never forget."

Potential students may not ask about La Salle's mission, but once

La Salle students can do just about anything at these satellite centers that they can at Main Campus: buy their books, obtain a La Salle student ID card, register for classes, or meet with an adviser.

In addition to the graduate-level business and psychology programs initially offered in Plymouth Meeting, Ugras said plans are afoot to begin offering Professional and Continuing Studies programs.

Students who have taken classes at the Bucks County Center attest to the benefit of a shortened commute to class.

"In addition to the appeal of the organizational dynamics curriculum, the convenience of the Bucks County Center was a major factor in my selecting La Salle University to complete my undergraduate studies," said Terri Neumann, '07, of West Trenton, N.J., who completed her bachelor's degree in organizational dynamics last year and works for the Law School Admission Council in Newtown, Pa., as a senior member of the technical staff.

Adult students from a number of countries also are benefiting from La Salle's commitment to taking education to the students. Students are enrolled in master's-level Professional Communication courses in Prague, Czech Republic, and Athens, Greece, where they are often taught by La Salle faculty members. La Salle's MBA has also traveled overseas, to Basel, Switzer-

they enroll in the College of Professional and Continuing Studies, somehow the mission finds them.

land, where professionals from all over Europe meet every weekend for an intensive 12-month curriculum.

Another one of La Salle's newest locations is the Internet. More and more faculty offer classes in full or partial online format, making it easier for students to learn from that most comfortable of locations: home.



### METROPLEX PROVIDES CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR GRADUATE COURSES

Beginning in January 2008, La Salle will offer courses in the state-of-the-art Metroplex Corporate Center in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County.

Currently, La Salle offers graduate-level courses in business administration and psychology on the campus of Gwynedd-Mercy College in Montgomery County. Moving to the Metroplex will create a centrally-located site for graduate and continuing studies students from Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester counties.

At the new location, La Salle will continue to offer its MBA and Clinical-Counseling Psychology graduate programs and is planning a wider course selection.

The new facilities will house classrooms, a computer lab, an all-purpose room, and administrative offices.

SUSAN DILENNO, '06

It was difficult for Susan Dilenno to commit to return to school and sacrifice all of her free time—but she said the College of Professional and Continuing Studies strove to accommodate its students.

"The faculty was well-aware that most of the students were working full time while attending school, and they were very amenable to changing the syllabus when necessary to meet our goals," she said.

While enrolled at La Salle, Dilenno was inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, was chosen as an outstanding student in organizational dynamics, and maintained Dean's List status each semester. By returning to college, Dilenno was able to obtain a promotion.

"The program helped me to realize that I could have career goals," she said. "Going through the program while working helped to reinforce that the courses had relevant and immediate practical applications."

Dilenno graduated *maxima cum laude* with a degree in Organizational Dynamics in May 2006. She works as a professional sales coordinator at Johnson & Johnson.

## An Accessible Education

BY LIZ VARGO

One of Bill Kline's crowning moments as Associate Director of Recruitment in La Salle's College of Professional and Continuing Studies came recently when a former student approached Kline's daughter at graduation.

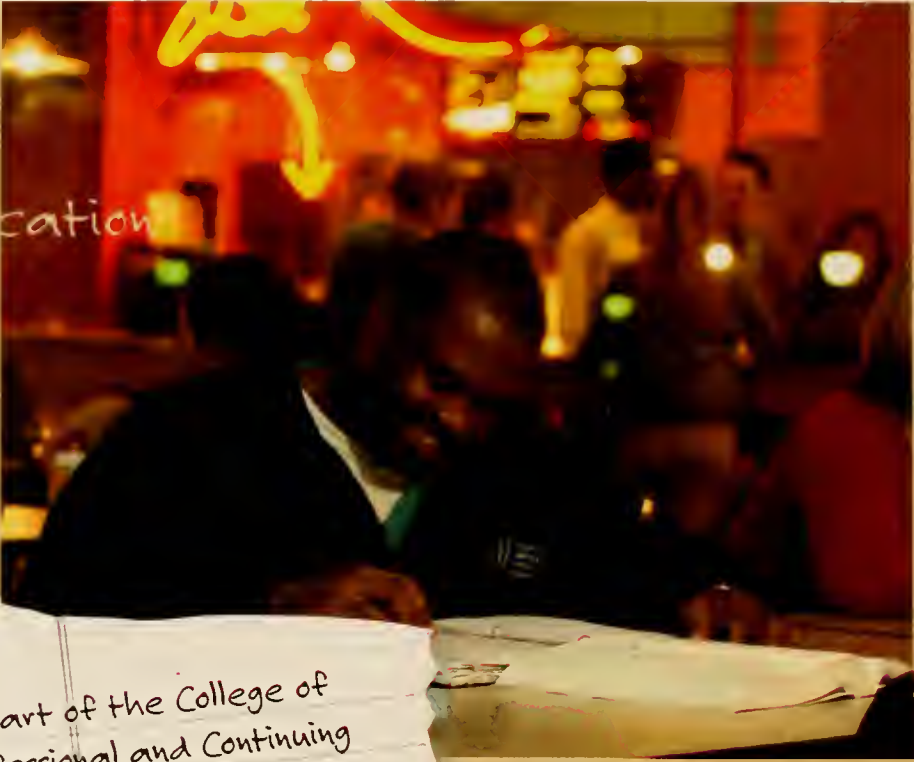
"She said, 'Because of your dad, I came back to school and (the College of Professional and Continuing Studies) was with me the whole way,'" Kline said. "It's all about the service that we give."

Returning to school after five, 10, or even 20 years in the professional world can be a daunting task. Jim Rook, Associate Director of Professional and Continuing Studies, said students can become anxious of the unknown.

"They experienced college at a much younger age, and it wasn't always a good experience," Rook said. "But they find incredible success because they bring maturity to the classroom."

In a traditional setting, undergraduate students have a built-in support system. La Salle strives to similarly accommodate adult learners who face a challenging family life, stressful work demands, and continued education.

Traditional and accelerated classes are offered in the evenings, online, and on Saturdays. Technology plays a major role in accessible, convenient training. Joseph Ugras, CMA, Ph.D., Dean of the College, said the faculty learns to effectively use emerging technology and determine what can be accomplished in an online format. Many classes work more efficiently



*As part of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies, Conference and Guest Services leases University space to outside organizations for workshops, meetings, and other events.*

as a hybrid that combines traditional and online elements.

"The ability to use technology and still preserve the opportunity to get together face-to-face is really great," said Stephen Hart, '90, a graduate of La Salle's evening program and the part-time Director of Organizational Dynamics and Liberal Studies. "We need to respect the learning styles and experiences of each student."

Nearly all University services are available in the evenings, while most adults are taking courses. Students can register for classes, order from the bookstore, obtain an identification card, and accomplish other University tasks at satellite campuses or online.

"We are a phone call or a mouse click away," Ugras said. "The faculty works to make it possible for students

to learn in a convenient way. We're at the point where you don't have to come to Main Campus—except to participate in graduation."

Students who are concerned about the commitment of returning to school can participate in study skills workshops. Opportunities also exist for prospective students to observe classes.

"The teacher is more like a moderator. The students bring their own life experiences," Ugras said. "The professor has to adapt to allow the experience of students to be shared with each other."

For those who are considering a career change, the College has partnered with the Office of Alumni Relations to provide services through CareerPath. This online tool helps students and alumni explore different careers with an opportunity to contact professionals. It also helps alumni market their skills.

"La Salle has a real desire to be an attractive choice with innovative programming and well-delivered, high-quality education," Hart said.



# Innovative Lifelong Instruction

BY LIZ VARGO

Life doesn't end with a four-year college degree, according to Joseph Ugras, CMA, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies. With higher education in increasing demand, statistics show this is only the beginning of a lifetime of learning.

"Continuing education has to be a part of every graduate's life, no matter what discipline," Ugras said. "There are two main reasons people return—to stay and expand their education in a certain discipline ... or to shift careers to a different track."

La Salle aims to meet the needs of a growing number of adult learners through undergraduate degree-completion programs, international graduate programs, certificates, post-baccalaureate programs, and professional development courses.

The start of La Salle's Evening Division in 1946 has evolved into today's undergraduate completion program, according to Ugras. Developed on the principle of convenience, the program is available in a variety of disciplines through accelerated or traditional courses at night, online, or on Saturdays. A new day undergraduate degree-completion program in business or criminal justice, called the 2+2 program, will begin this summer at La Salle's Bucks County Center in Newtown, Pa. In this program, students spend the first two years at Bucks County Community College and complete the degree at La Salle's Bucks County Center.

The graduate program follows a similar system in an international setting. Programs offered in Athens, Greece; Prague, Czech Republic; and Basel, Switzerland are expanding La Salle's efforts to meet educational needs in different countries.



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Certificate programs, such as Fraud and Forensic Accounting, and professional development courses, like Art Understanding and Appreciation, allow professionals to examine a specific aspect of their field, Ugras said.

In post-baccalaureate programs, students who received their degree in an

*"La Salle is making tremendous strides and efforts to understand the needs of adult learners."  
—Stephen Hart, '90*

unrelated field are able to pursue and prepare for a career in a health-related field or in speech-language pathology.

Stephen Hart, '90, said La Salle was the only university that gave him the time of day when he decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1980. Now, as the part-time Director of Organizational Dynamics and Liberal Studies for the College of Professional and Continuing Studies, he touts the time and effort the University commits to its students. Advisory boards research the corporate community to devise the most marketable and beneficial programs.

"La Salle is making tremendous strides and efforts to understand the needs of adult learners," Hart said.

"New things emerge; new subjects emerge," Ugras said. "People are realizing this, and that's why there's continued growth in education."

Federal and state laws often mandate that professionals enroll in courses to maintain their education or advance in the workplace.

Advances in technology—both in and out of the classroom—play a major role in continued education. La Salle faculty is constantly re-evaluating the application of technology. Distance learning and hybrid courses with a strong technological component add to convenience and accessibility.

Since 47 percent of the adult population nationally has never completed a bachelor's degree, Ugras noted that there is an expansive market for the adult learner. Every school attempts to tap into that market, according to Associate Director of Recruitment Bill Kline, but La Salle takes a unique approach and maximizes its appeal through specialized programs, strong service, and convenience.

"There is so much competition and we're basically going after the same students," Kline said. "People know our reputation—if you graduate from La Salle, you make an immediate contribution."

# WHY I GIVE BACK: THOMAS A. LEONARD, '70

BY JON CAROULIS

THOMAS A. LEONARD, '70, SAID HE couldn't help but notice how his accounting professors, such as Jack Reardon, '59, Pete Sweeney, '47, Walt Kaiser, and Joseph Markmann, '49, devoted so much energy to helping their students, not only during their time at La Salle but after they had graduated.

"They would help students get jobs," said Leonard, "and took a real interest in them post-college, and I felt I should do something similar."

And Leonard has done more than "something" in emulating his teachers.

Leonard is currently Treasurer of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and he has served as a member of the Council of President's Associates and been a generous donor to La Salle. He and his family have recently held fundraising events to benefit a scholarship he and his family started in memory of his daughter, Danielle, who died during her senior year at La Salle.

One fundraiser was a baseball game put on by a long-time family friend, Jeff St. Amour, who built a ball field adjacent to his home (and used the same materials used by major league teams to build their infields). St. Amour provided an organist for music between innings and had an announcer, who did an impersonation of Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas.



*(Standing, from left) Jeff St. Amour, host of a recent Danielle Leonard Scholarship fundraiser; Jean Leonard; Danielle Leonard Scholarship recipient Heather Steacker, '08; Tom Leonard, '70; Tom Leonard Jr., '96; and April Leonard. (Seated, from left) Amy St. Amour and Kim Leonard.*

"Danielle was a fabulous girl and student," said St. Amour. She had interned with him at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers "and we had a job waiting for her," he said.

St. Amour said Danielle had a keen interest in athletics, so having a sporting event to raise funds for the scholarship was both fitting and a way to "keep Danielle's spirit alive," he said.

Tom Leonard was the home plate umpire (even though he stood behind the pitcher). By the end of the game he had his "strike-three-you're-out" call down cold.

Between the baseball game and another event the Leonard family held this year, about \$45,000 was raised for the scholarship. The scholarship fund now totals about \$150,000.

Danielle Leonard, like her father, came to La Salle to study accounting (three of her siblings also graduated from the University). The scholarship in her name is awarded to a senior accounting major.

Through his efforts on La Salle's behalf, Leonard has gotten to know La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., '70, and James Ahern, '70, President of the Alumni Association. Ahern and Leonard were members of the same class but never met.

"I always tell people that who I am is based on the education I got, how the (Christian) Brothers cared for us," Ahern said. "They also taught us to let your deeds speak for you, and that's why Tom and others do things behind the scenes, doing things that need to be done."





We invite you to celebrate with La Salle University!

# THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CHARTER DINNER

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President, Acme Markets

Normandy Farm  
Blue Bell, Pennsylvania  
Saturday, February 23, 2008  
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## An Unbelievable Change of Heart

BY COLLEEN MULLARKEY, '06  
PHOTO BY BRADFORD L. GLAZIER

WHEN JANET DENNIS, M.ED '96, WON HER SILVER MEDAL, it was just like any other athletic victory—the pumping adrenaline, racing pulse, and thumping heart. The only difference was that the heart leaping with thrill and excitement inside Dennis' chest had only taken residence there a few months before. On June 18, 2006, Dennis won the silver medal in the 100-meter backstroke at the Transplant Games in Louisville, Ky., representing Team Philadelphia.

Less than two years earlier, in October 2004, she had no idea that her routine life was about to change forever. Dennis had spent more than a decade as a social worker for the Philadelphia Department of Human Services, extending her help and heart to hundreds of children with family needs. Suddenly, while walking up her steps one day she lost her breath—it happened several more times that night before Dennis became seriously concerned.

During the first hospital stay of her life, tests revealed some shocking and devastating news: a virus of unknown origin had invaded Dennis' heart and catapulted her into sudden heart failure. For the next several months, she tried to go about normal life, but after dozens of medications, countless trips to the emergency room, and a pacemaker and defibrillator that failed to remedy her damaged heart, Dennis was put on the list for a heart transplant.

A hospital bed was not the location she had envisioned celebrating her 50th birthday, but Dennis took it all in stride and even helped other heart patients cope with the difficult changes and decisions they were facing. After six and a half weeks on the transplant list, Dennis received a heart at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She was back to work a mere 20 months later.

**“I have an internal medal.  
What do I need trophies for?”**

**—Janet Dennis**

Dennis wasn't able to continue with her previous position because of the physical demands, but she still works as an advocate for children in placement by ensuring that their health-care needs are met. Dennis' life obviously changed forever when she received a new heart—“My life was so simple before,” she said. “Now I have this story.” As a speaker for the Gift of Life, a nonprofit agency that recovers and distributes organs and tissues to enhance or save lives in eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware, she shares that story with donors' families and other transplant recipients like herself.

In addition to her newfound public-speaking engagements, Dennis' heart led her to some unexpected athletic aspirations. After cardiac therapy, she joined a gym to keep her heart strong and although she couldn't even complete a lap in the pool, she began swimming.

Her nightly training ultimately led to a silver medal in the Transplant Games and a qualification for the world games in Thailand. Dennis was not able to attend the international competition, but she's busy training for next year's games in Pittsburgh and the next round of international games to be held in 2009 in Australia. She's even planning to add some new events to her list—shot put, softball throw, discus, and long jump. When she's not training, you can find her on the Schuylkill River, practicing with the Tsunami Dragons, the women's rowing team she recently joined.

Through the Gift of Life program, Dennis sent her silver medal, along with a letter, to her donor's family to thank them and tell them about her new life with the heart. She plans to mail future medals and updates to the family of the stranger who gave her life. “I have an internal medal,” Janet said. “What do I need trophies for?”



## Indonesia: The Great Transition

EDITED BY JOHN BRESNAN, '50

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc., 2005; 318 pp.; \$32.95

*Indonesia: The Great Transition* depicts the country's struggles as it transitions from its authoritarian government to a democratic era. Scholars analyze what caused the country's social, political, and economic uproar during reform.

The late John Bresnan, '50, was a Philadelphia native and expert in Southeast Asian affairs. He earned a bachelor's degree in English at La Salle, received his master's degree in political science from New York University, and served in the U.S. Army. As an executive of the Ford Foundation, he spent eight years in Indonesia. Bresnan helped Indonesian scholars attend U.S. graduate schools and he received the country's greatest civilian honor. He is survived by his wife, four children, and eight grandchildren.



## A Season in Purgatory: Villanova and Life in College Football's Lower Class

BY TONY MOSS, '98

Bison Books, 2007; 333 pp.; \$19.95

*A Season in Purgatory* is the story of a school where basketball is king and the Villanova football team battles opponents both on and off the field. With little cash or recruiting power, the Division I-AA Wildcats must justify their existence by wading through political mire to bring glory to a school that largely ignores its efforts.

Tony Moss, '98, received his bachelor's degree in communication from La Salle. He is the NFL Editor/Senior Editor at the Sports Network, a wire service based in Philadelphia. Previously, Moss spent four seasons as the country's only writer to cover 47 Division I-AA college football games. He has covered Super Bowls XXXIX, XL, and XLI.



## Another Chance: Tales of South Philadelphia

BY DOMINIC T. BIELLO, '76

Universe Inc, 2006; 352 pp.; \$20.95

*Another Chance* twists revenge, forbidden love, and criminal ambition for a tale of duplicity, intrigue, and transformation on the bustling streets of South Philadelphia. During the Lenten season of 1972, everyone must seek personal resolution in the labyrinth of their conflicted lives. The lucky ones get another chance.

Philadelphian Dominic T. Biello, '76, graduated from La Salle University with a bachelor's degree in history. An alumnus of the American Film Institute TV Writer's Program in Los Angeles, Biello's award-winning screenplay, *Coercion*, is being novelized for a second installment of *Tales of South Philadelphia*. Currently, Biello writes articles and completes research about the U.S. Airborne during World War II.



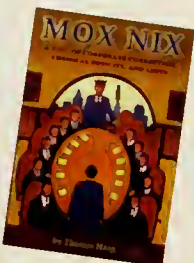
## Mox Nix: A Tale of Corporate Corruption, Chemical Toxicity, and Lusts

BY THOMAS HAAG, '63

Self published, 2006; 209 pp.; \$17.50

In *Mox Nix*, Harry Schoen is a decorated Korean veteran, Ivy League grad, and rising executive. But he wrestles with guilt about his war service, the decay of his marriage, and misgivings of corporate warfare. He must confront life's conflicts when he stumbles upon evidence that his company is hiding a deadly secret.

Thomas Haag, '63, of Philadelphia, served in the U.S. Army and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from La Salle. He worked for 38 years with Philadelphia-based Rohm and Haas Co. before retiring in 1991 as Director of Corporate Development. He and his wife live in Holland, Pa. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.



## Filling in the Empty Spaces: My Journey of Faith and Spiritual Self-Discovery

BY BRYAN EDNEY, '90

Authorhouse, 2006; 160 pp.; \$14.95

In *Filling in the Empty Spaces*, Bryan Edney delivers a personal testimony of faith as he overcomes insurmountable odds. Edney explores how a gay, African-American man can defy the image he is expected to portray and forge ahead in love, forgiveness, and prosperity. He also remained strong during the deaths of his grandmother and mother. A friend encouraged Edney to script these memoirs as part of the healing process.

Bryan Edney, '90, grew up in Philadelphia and lives in Atlanta, Ga. He earned his bachelor's degree from La Salle University and received a master's degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills. As an educator, he participates in several organizations and is a motivational speaker.



## A Special Summer

BY GAYE RIDDICK-BURDEN, '99, MSN '01, WRITING AS VICTORIA WELLS

Xpress Yourself Publishing, 2007; 202 pp.; \$14.95

In *A Special Summer*, Summer Jackson is too involved in nursing and her friends to be concerned with men. She refuses potential suitors, including Nick Stiles. But he's captivated by Summer, and she finally consents. When Nick becomes restless, Summer is shattered and vows never to see him again. Nick swears to make her pay.

Gaye Riddick-Burden, '99, MSN '01, who writes under the name Victoria Wells, is a Philadelphia native. Riddick-Burden received her associate's degree in applied science from the Community College of Philadelphia and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from La Salle. A nurse practitioner, she has dedicated her career to patients battling sickle-cell disease.





## Lessons for Real-World Students

LASALLIAN EDUCATION has a passion for the practical, a passion for being carefully attentive to the real world of students and to the real needs of students. Our ministry is one that integrates the life of faith with this zeal for the practical. The maxim of St. Augustine is our own: "Pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you."

St. La Salle set the example. He was never one to avoid the practical; indeed, he embraced it. St. La Salle did not write about educational philosophy, he wrote educational handbooks, textbooks, and meditations for teachers. His textbooks focused on everything from the pronunciation of French syllables to Gospel maxims, the duties of a Christian, and the practical rules of politeness for inner-city boys—with a whole chapter on "Yawning, Spitting, and Coughing."

The schools themselves were eminently practical. Writing practice



Br. George Van Grieken, F.S.C.

concentrated on contracts and ledgers, while math skills dealt with the French monetary system. Once students learned the basics of reading, his book on politeness was the reading text, published in an ornate script so as to acquaint students with the popular style. Students who had to work during the week were taught mathematics, drafting, and commerce on Sundays. Schools on the seacoast included classes on navigation and seamanship. In his letters, St. La Salle insisted that the schools be well-run and its teachers be well-trained. Everything was done to insure that these poor and working-class students would succeed in French society and become mature members of the Church.

Such a commitment to the real needs of students was not without its

BY BROTHER GEORGE VAN GRIEKEN, F.S.C.

difficulties. One might almost call the first schools "subversive." When the Guild of Writing Masters, in effect, sued the Brothers for teaching writing—and won—St. La Salle ignored the judgment and found other ways of teaching writing, because he knew that it was a vital practical skill. When the local bishop in Chartres, a friend of St. La Salle's from seminary days, challenged St. La Salle's practice of teaching reading by starting with French instead of Latin syllables, St. La Salle held his ground, writing

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*—Brother George Van Grieken, F.S.C.*

a detailed response on why his method was a much more realistic approach. The practical and spiritual welfare of the students entrusted to his care remained a primary focus throughout his life.

## Timeline of Events

The continuing story of the Lasallian Christian Brothers, 1900 to present:

By 1904, 10,626 Christian Brothers live and work in France; 4,806 are outside of France.

Between 1901 and 1912, anti-religious secularization laws in France forbid the religious to own property, wear religious habits, or live in community. As a result, Brothers left France to establish communities in Southern Belgium, Canada, and Spain, and they laid the foundation for new districts in Brazil, Panama, Mexico, North Africa, and Australia.

Between 1936 and 1939, 165 Brothers are put to death during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1956, the General Chapter convenes and begins to revise the Christian Brothers' *Rules and Constitutions*, by encouraging a critical study of the writings of St. John Baptist de La Salle and an investigation of his spirituality.

By 1966, 2,784 Christian Brothers live and work in France; 13,951 are outside of France.

The General Chapter of 1966–1967 is propelled forward by the sweeping changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council. The Chapter works to reaffirm the identity of the Brothers, to rededicate itself to its mission of "service of the poor through education," and to recognize the valuable contributions of lay teachers in schools around the world and the need to fully integrate laypeople into the lives of schools.

Today, the Christian Brothers, along with 73,000 lay associates, serve more than 900,000 students in 80 countries.

*Adapted from The Lasallian Mission of Human and Christian Education, A Shared Mission, by Brother John Johnston, F.S.C., Superior General of the Christian Brothers from 1986 to 2000, and the members of the General Council, April 30, 1997.*



This down-to-earth practicality is found today in Lasallian schools throughout the world, from street kids in Vietnam who are taught to repair motorcycle engines to students in the United States who are familiar with service-learning, retreats, and education for life. Lasallian education pays practical attention to the real relationships between people, to the purposeful integration of budding personal convictions and talents, and to the persistent cultivation of genuine human principles. Such are the deeply held convictions (the faith) and the practical sensibilities (the zeal) that continue

to make this educational enterprise so necessary and so successful.

—Br. George Van Gricken, F.S.C.,  
is Director of Vocation Ministry for the  
San Francisco District of the Brothers of  
the Christian Schools. He is the author  
of *Touching the Hearts of Students: Characteristics of Lasallian Schools*  
and served as guest editor of the Winter  
2006-07 issue of *La Salle Magazine*.

*We invite feedback on this issue and  
welcome ideas for future installments  
of the series. Please contact Marian  
Butcher at [butcher@lasalle.edu](mailto:butcher@lasalle.edu).*

## In the Words of the Founder

You should remove your hat: 1) in a place where there are important people; 2) when you greet someone; 3) when you give or receive anything; 4) when you are being seated at table; 5) when you hear the names of Jesus or Mary; 6) when you are in the presence of persons to whom you owe great respect.



—From *Rules of Decorum*,  
by St. John Baptist de La Salle

*De La Salle*

## Further Reflections

### The Teacher

The master teacher taught a class.  
At the end of the year  
Most of the students were astounded at the growth  
They saw in themselves.  
Others noticed it as well.  
They said that it must be a gift,  
The work of God.  
Some of them asked the master teacher;  
“How do you do it? What’s your secret?”  
The master teacher replied:  
“I am a person like everyone else.  
I have no secret. There is only this:  
When I begin to think about the task I’ve been given,  
I guard my soul and don’t worry about details,  
All the trifles that are not to the point.  
I go away in order to set  
My heart at rest.  
After a few days of solitude  
I’ve forgotten goals and objectives.  
After a week  
I’ve forgotten praise or criticism.  
After ten days  
I’ve forgotten myself  
With all my hopes and plans.

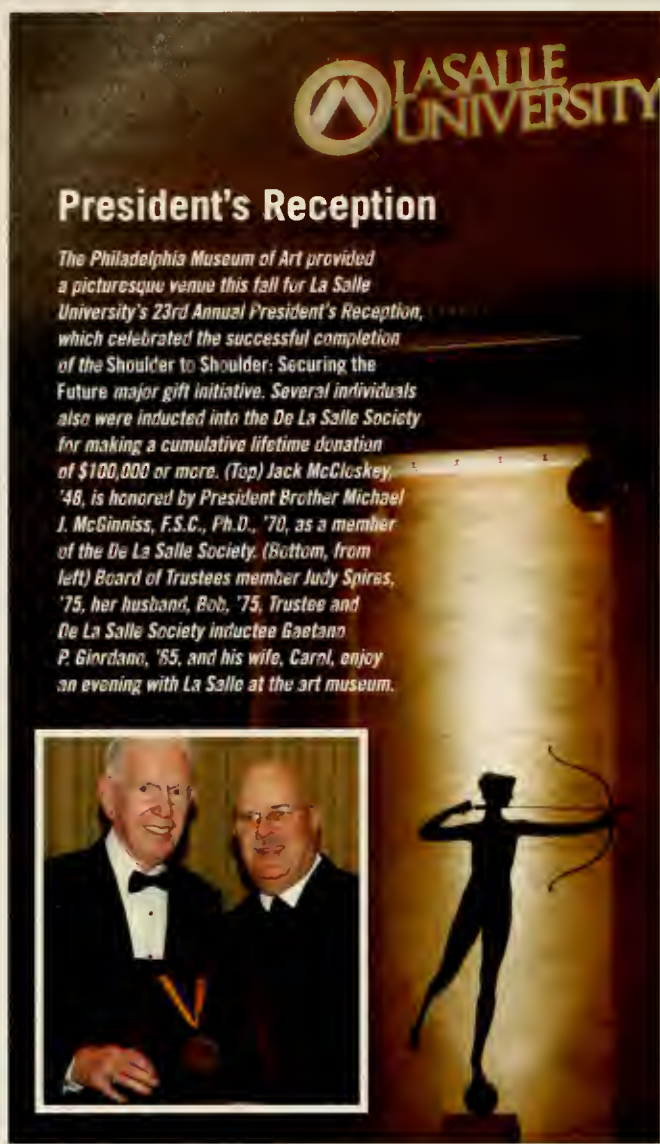
By this time all thoughts about the school,  
About organization and administration have faded away.  
All that might distract me from the work  
Has vanished.  
I become collected in one single thought,  
Teaching that class.

Then I go into the community  
To see my students in their natural state.  
When the particular students show up before me,  
The teaching appears in them; clearly, beyond doubt.  
All I have to do is to reach out  
And begin.

If I had not met those particular students  
There would have been  
No teaching at all.

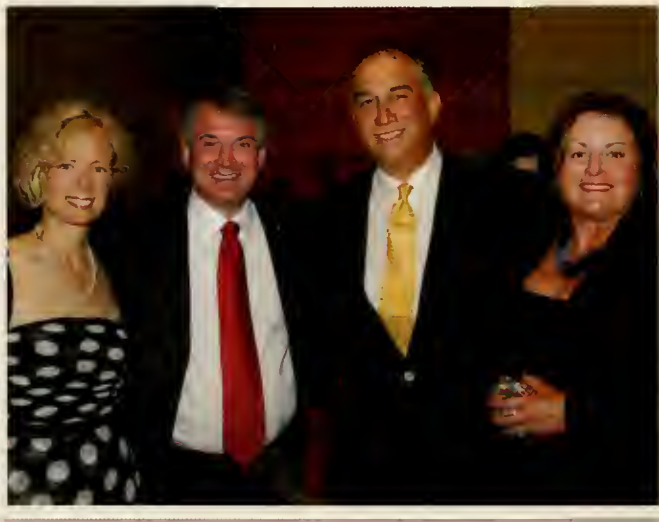
What happened?  
My own collected thought  
Encountered the hidden potential in the student;  
From this live encounter came the work  
Which you describe as a gift from God.”

—By Br. George Van Gricken, F.S.C., 1990,  
Adapted from Lao Tzu’s “The Woodcarver”



## President's Reception

The Philadelphia Museum of Art provided a picturesque venue this fall for La Salle University's 23rd Annual President's Reception, which celebrated the successful completion of the Shoulder to Shoulder: Securing the Future major gift initiative. Several individuals also were inducted into the De La Salle Society for making a cumulative lifetime donation of \$100,000 or more. (Top) Jack McCloskey, '48, is honored by President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, as a member of the De La Salle Society. (Bottom, from left) Board of Trustees member Judy Spiras, '75, her husband, Bob, '75, Trustee and De La Salle Society inductee Gaetano P. Giordano, '65, and his wife, Carol, enjoy an evening with La Salle at the art museum.



## Alumni Association Bestows Highest Honors Upon Devlin, McNamee



(From left) President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70; the Rev. John P. McNamee; Hugh Devlin, '64; and Alumni Association President Jim Ahern, '70.

This November, La Salle's Alumni Association recognized two individuals for their exemplary service: Hugh Devlin, '64, received the John J. Finley, '24, Award and the Rev. John P. McNamee received the Signum Fidei Medal.

Named in honor of a former Alumni Association President, the John J. Finley, '24, Award goes to a La Salle alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in service to the University. Devlin recently concluded the successful *Shoulder to Shoulder: Securing the Future* major gift initiative, which he chaired and launched with President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70. The initiative surpassed its \$25 million goal by raising \$28.3 million to fund a new science and technology center and strengthen the University's endowment. Devlin said he was surprised and "very pleased" at Br. Michael's announcement that the center would be named the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology.

"Leaders lead, and Hugh Devlin has led," said Br. Michael as he presented Devlin with the award. "Here is one alum who sparked the interest and generosity of others, and look at what it has begat."

Since 1942, the Signum Fidei Medal has been presented to an individual or group who has made significant contributions to humanitarian principles and has upheld the mission of the University and Christian Brothers. Not only has McNamee led St. Malachy School and Parish for more than 35 years, but he tirelessly meets the needs of his inner-city neighborhood.

McNamee reorganized the Ludlow Youth Community Center and co-founded the Southwest Community Enrichment Center—a nonprofit that serves 400 adults, children, and senior citizens each week in the Kingessing section of Philadelphia.

"Fr. McNamee and St. Malachy's have not only endured, they have flourished in North Philadelphia," Br. Michael said. "They have brought help, healing, and hope to thousands whose lives are otherwise bound in bleakness."

—Jon Caroulis



## New Supermarket and Shopping Center at La Salle Slated for Fall 2008 Opening

La Salle University recently hosted the groundbreaking for a new \$15 million shopping center on the University's Good Shepherd property, located on Chew Avenue between Church Lane and Wister Street.

The 80,000-square-foot shopping center is the result of a partnership among La Salle University, Moreland Development, Fresh Grocer, and elected officials.

In 2004, State Rep. John Myers and concerned citizens met with State Rep. Dwight Evans, '75, to discuss the lack of affordable supermarkets in La Salle's neighborhood. Evans presented the University's administration with the idea of developing a shopping center.

At the groundbreaking, Evans said, "No one does anything by themselves. The key element to all of this is leadership—people working together to make a difference—and that is what is taking place in this community."

"This is the first part of what we hope to be a continuing involvement and



(From left) Pat Burns, of Fresh Grocer; Eric Seidman, of Moreland Development; State Rep. Dwight Evans, '75; William Sautter, '71, Chair of La Salle's Board of Trustees; Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, La Salle President; State Sen. LeAnna Washington; Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller; and State Rep. John Myers.

partnership with the community to make life better for everybody," said La Salle's President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70.

Upon its expected completion next fall, the shopping center will include the neighborhood's first grocery store in more than 40 years—a 50,000-square-foot

Fresh Grocer—as well as a Starbucks Café, a T-Mobile, a GameStop, America's Best Eyewear, a Rite Aid pharmacy, and a bank.

Joining Reps. Evans and Myers in the Shoppes at La Salle retail initiative were State Sen. LeAnna M. Washington and Philadelphia City Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller.

—Amy Gardner Cranston



The Parents' Association paid tribute to La Salle's home city during this year's Family Weekend, which drew more than 300 families. Activities included a Philadelphia-style lunch on the quad, featuring cheesesteaks, soft pretzels, and a visit from a few Mummers; a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo; a Center City excursion for sightseeing or shopping; and a Philly Ghost Tour through Independence Park and Society Hill. Back on campus, students and their families cheered on the Explorer football and volleyball teams; enjoyed a performance by Improv 101, La Salle's student improvisational comedy team; and participated in a Sunday liturgy followed by a brunch with Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, La Salle's President.



### WORLD WAR II SPY RECOUNTS EXPERIENCES

Now 87 and living in California, Marthe Cohn recently recounted tales from her book, *Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany*, during La Salle's Diplomat-in-Residence Program. Cohn greeted an overflowing auditorium and explained her journey first as a nurse whose fiancé and older sister both died at the hands of the Nazis, and then as a member of the French Army chosen to spy on the Germans. At 80 years old, she received France's highest military honor.

## Board Greet Five New Members



*La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70 (third from left) greets new Board of Trustees members (from left) Brother Dennis Malloy, F.S.C., '74, William W. Mathews III, Esq., '90, Edward J. Fierko, '63, James Smart, CPA, '79, and William E. Kelly, '74.*

La Salle's Board of Trustees welcomed five new members at its first meeting this fall.

Edward J. Fierko, '63, of Marlton, N.J., is the President of EJF Associates. He is the Vice President of the Water Quality Research Foundation and is a member of the Board of Past Presidents of the Water Quality Association and the Board of Directors of Strotosys Inc. (NASDAQ). He received both a Lifetime Membership Award and an Award of Merit from the Water Quality Association, and he was previously honored with the University's Michael A. D'Angelis Accounting Award.

William E. Kelly, '74, a partner with Nixon Peabody LLP, is involved in many community organizations in Boston, Mass., including the Institute of Contemporary Art, the AIDS Action Committee, the Boston Lyric Opera, and the Speakeasy Stage Co. He also was on the development committee of the Boston Living Center.

Brother Dennis Malloy, F.S.C., '74, is Provincial for the Baltimore District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and also is Executive Director of St. Gabriel's System. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the Pennsylvania Chapter of NASW, the Correctional Education Association, and the Pennsylvania Council for Children, Youth, and Family Services. He received the Distinguished Lasallian Education Award of the Baltimore District in 2001.

William W. Mathews III, '90, of Glenside, Pa., is a partner with Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers. He has been a member of the Alumni Board of Directors since 1990 and served as President of the Alumni Association from 2003 to 2005. Mathews also serves on the St. Luke the Evangelist Home and School Board and the Glenside Youth Athletic Association.

James J. Smart, CPA, '79, is the founder and CEO of Smart Business Advisory and Consulting LLC. He is a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants and sits on the Board of Directors of the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry. Smart's firm was awarded the Devon-Berwyn Business of the year in 2002, and he was named Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry's Small Business Leader of the Year in 2000.

—Liz Vargo



### OUTGOING TRUSTEES HONORED

*Outgoing Board of Trustees members Kathleen M. Burns, '75, MBA '80, and Nicolas J. Lisi, Esq., '62, were honored for their service to La Salle's Board of Trustees during the Board's meeting and dinner in October. Burns joined the board in 1997 and Lisi joined in 1992.*



### LA SALLE UNIVERSITY HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

- Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation: \$205,000 Nursing Education Grant to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to provide scholarship assistance to full-time undergraduates majoring in nursing.
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation and Independence Blue Cross: Independence Blue Cross Supplemental Graduate Nurse Education grant of \$50,000 to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to provide scholarships to students enrolled in graduate nursing programs.
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation and Independence Blue Cross: Independence Blue Cross Supplemental Nursing Education grant of \$16,610 to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students enrolled in the BSN Program.
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation and Independence Blue Cross: \$93,750 Independence Blue Cross Nurse Scholars Grant to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences to provide scholarship assistance to full-time and part-time graduate students preparing to become nurse educators.
- Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board: \$17,000 to the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Center for a project focusing on student athletes.
- Violette de Mazia Foundation: \$38,100 grant to the La Salle Art Museum for a course titled "Informed Perception: An Objective Approach to Aesthetic Appreciation."



## In Memoriam: Brother John Johnston, F.S.C.

An influential Christian Brother, University Trustee, and Lasallian leader has died.

Brother John Johnston, F.S.C., lost his yearlong battle with cancer on Oct. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., at age 73. He had devoted himself to the Christian Brothers for 56 years.

A native of Memphis, Br. John worked as a high school teacher, administrator, and Director of the order's student Brothers. He was well-known for his leadership skills and enthusiasm for working with youth.

In 1971, Br. John was appointed Provincial of the St. Louis District of the Christian Brothers. He then served as Vicar General and was subsequently elected Superior General at the Brothers' International Headquarters in Rome. In this role, he visited every country ministered by the Christian Brothers.

Br. John returned to Memphis in 2003 as Senior Consultant, Lasallian Association for Mission. He continued to travel for presentations within the United States, Europe, Haiti, Africa,

and Mexico. Fellow La Salle trustees and professors awaited Br. John's inspiring retreats and recalled his passion for working beyond the call of duty. His audiences in France, Spain, and Mexico also had the pleasure of listening to Br. John's talks in their native tongues.

Over the past decade, Br. John devoted himself to transforming the Lasallian Mission of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. He stressed that the Brothers and lay people should collaborate as part of an educational community that keeps the schools' life and mission viable.

Even after being diagnosed with cancer, Br. John invested his time and talents into Christian Brothers activities.

"I believe all Brothers would join me in saying that Brother John provided great inspiration and leadership," said La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70. "I also believe that all members of La Salle's Board of Trustees came to respect him as a man of great integrity and broad vision for the Lasallian



mission and the Catholic Church around the world."

Br. John attended Little Flower School and Christian Brothers College, now Christian Brothers High School, in Memphis. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn.

He held leadership positions as Auditor for the Synod on America (1997), Consultant for the Vatican Congregation for Consecrated Life (1995–2005), Assistant Special Secretary for the Synod of Consecrated Life (1994), and Vice President of the Union of Superiors General in Rome for nine years.

Br. John had been continuing his education part time with several institutions and received honorary degrees from eight colleges and universities.

He is survived by three brothers.

—Liz Vargo

## President and CEO of Anexinet Receives IT Leadership Award

Diego F. Calderin, '83, President and Chief Executive Officer of Anexinet Corp., recently received La Salle University's IT Leadership Award.

Calderin's family fled Cuba in 1962, settling in Philadelphia with only \$50.

Attending La Salle on a scholarship, Calderin planned to study medicine. But a conversation with Geri Seitchik, Ph.D., the University's pre-med adviser, changed his life. She said that even straight-A students weren't getting into medical school, and Calderin had Bs.

"She did it in a nice way, and her telling me to consider alternatives to medicine was one of the best things that happened to me," he recalled.

Calderin took a computer science course, switched majors, and improved

his GPA. After graduation, he did computer work for companies such as Lockheed Martin and GE, but thought about starting his own business. When he considered the risk, he thought of his father.

"He came to this country with nothing, and when I think of the risk he took, then my risk (of starting a company) would pale by comparison," Calderin said.

Calderin chairs the University's Integrated Science, Business, and Technology Advisory Board and helped to design the program.

"He's been a leader and innovator in incorporating technology with business, and La Salle's Computer Science Advisory



Diego F. Calderin, '83 and Carmen V. Romeo, '65

Board felt he was quite deserving of this honor," said Margaret McCoe, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science.

—Jon Caroulis

## University Recognizes Faculty Achievements

### PAULIN RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD

When Associate Professor of economics and Faculty Senate President Beth Paulin came to La Salle nearly 20 years ago, she knew it was just the right fit.

"When I interviewed here, I just felt like this was the place for me," Paulin said.

Paulin has embraced the University's mission of service and was recently awarded the 2007 Faculty Distinguished Service Award for her exemplary professional and personal commitment.

"Service is part of our mission. It is who we are as educators and people," Paulin said. "I believe this award is in recognition of fulfilling that mission."

Paulin said a two-week Lasallian Leadership Conference last summer in Rome, Italy, brought the mission even closer to her soul.

As one colleague noted, Paulin "has been willing to sacrifice her time and other endeavors to serve her colleagues and the University."

—Liz Vargo

### KELLY HONORED FOR SCHOLARSHIP

According to religion Professor Geoffrey Kelly, '54, "Knowledge of religion is essential in order to understand the root causes of so many conflicts in our troubled world today and the demands religious faith makes on our moral behavior, as well as the ethical conduct of our nation."

In recognition for his scholarly achievements

and research, Kelly recently received the University's Faculty Distinguished Scholar Award.

Kelly is a leading scholar on the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who is considered the most famous martyr of the German Resistance and Nazism. Kelly also has received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Dr. Roland Holroyd Award for Distinguished Teaching and Service.

"Geff is a wonderful—and demanding—teacher who genuinely cares about his students," said Margaret McGuinness, Ph.D., Chair of La Salle's Religion Department.

—Amy Gardner Cranston

### MACLEOD EARNS TRIPLE HONORS

After receiving the Communication Department's Shining Star Award and the University's Lasallian Distinguished Educator Award, Assistant Professor of communication Sid MacLeod recently received a similar award, the 2007 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award from the Baltimore Province of the Christian Brothers.

"It was a great honor," said MacLeod, who is also an Honorary Christian Brother and has received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

MacLeod began teaching public speaking and theater at La Salle 48 years ago. He also worked with the student theater group, developed the University's audio-visual department, taught television courses, served as a faculty senator, and made several documentaries.

"He's an enthusiastic teacher, a caring and compassionate colleague, and a wonderful person," said Communication Department Chair Lynne Texter, Ph.D.

—Amanda Koehler, '06



### Alumni Volunteers Leaders Conference

The third biennial Alumni Volunteers Leaders Conference was held in September at Normandy Farm in Blue Bell, Pa. Coinciding with the election of new Alumni President Jim Ahern, '70, the conference provided alumni volunteers with an opportunity to network, plan upcoming events, and attend presentations on volunteerism.



### Giving Thanks for Those Called to Duty

For more than 20 years, La Salle University has offered its gratitude to police officers and firefighters who serve the community by preparing a pre-Thanksgiving feast at the 35th Police District Headquarters. The University and community united to support the family of Officer Charles "Chuck" Cassidy, who was killed Oct. 31 during a nearby robbery. The event, organized by retired University employee June Robinson, involves the University's Food Services Department and the La Salle Ambassadors.



## Exhibit Offers Insight into Artist's Life

This fall, leading Philadelphia mural artist David McShane, '88, returned to his location of self-discovery to tackle the frequently asked question, "Which One Are You?"



This probe has plagued McShane as a twin and one of eight children. At La Salle, he was forced to revisit the question as a pre-med student whose true passion was for the fine arts.

"This was the place where I was trying to find out who I was," he said. "Being a twin and being a McShane, it was hard to find my identity. But it's also, 'which one are you?'—a doctor or an artist?"

McShane toyed with the question in his exhibit, "Which One Are You?"

"It was a unique glimpse into what makes Dave, Dave," said Art Museum Director Madeleine Viljoen, Ph.D.

Well-known for his larger-than-life murals for Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program, McShane displayed a smaller, more intimate collection of art at La Salle. During his artist talk, McShane illustrated his evolution as a fine artist. The composition of his imagery is "interesting and makes a whole different statement," Viljoen said.

Now teaching at his *alma mater*, McShane encourages students to live their dreams. "Not many people can say they know someone who's a fine artist and makes a living off of it," he said. "You can follow your heart and be an actor, poet, or artist. Life's too short—you can always change your mind."

—Lia Veraci



## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE PROGRAM

This fall, the University celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Risk Management and Insurance program with a reception at the Physick House in Philadelphia. A few members of the program who attended the event are (top, from left) Tom Dinczynsky, CPCU, AMIM, '87; Dennis O'Neill, '02; Simone Brewster, AU, '02; Terry Macko, CPCU, '74; George Haitzsch, ARM, '88, (bottom, from left) Kathleen McNichol, MBA, CPCU, ARM, '75; and James Sherlock, CPCU, CLU, ARM, '75.



## SADOFF RECEIVES FIRST HEART OF GOLD AWARD

La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, honors the first Heart of Gold recipient Joan Sadoff, MSW, during the 25th anniversary celebration of La Salle's Social Work program in October. This inaugural award was created for someone who exemplifies the profession and is a role model for other social workers. Sadoff co-produced the film *Standing On My Sisters' Shoulders* with her husband, Dr. Robert Sadoff, to depict the role of women during the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi in the 1960s.

## LA SALLE HOSTS DIGITAL ARTS CONFERENCE

In November, La Salle hosted the annual International Digital Media and Arts Association conference in Philadelphia. This year's theme, "Beyond Boundaries: Pedagogy and Change in the Academic Environment," included topics on collaborative structures, mobile media, social networking, games, and digital media design. La Salle's program in Digital Arts and Multimedia Design is chaired by Conrad Gleber (right). For more information on the event, visit [www.idmaa.org/idmaa2007/](http://www.idmaa.org/idmaa2007/).







## La Salle Welcomes New Vice President for Enrollment Services

John Dolan, La Salle's new Vice President for Enrollment Services, is such an admirer of the

Christian Brothers that he is willing to live with them—for a while.

Since joining the University in July, he has been living in a Christian Brothers residence until his family relocates from Denver, Colo., set for January 2008. This domestic experience only underscores how much he admires the order, which is one reason he applied for the position.

"This is a great opportunity to serve a Christian Brothers college and a Catholic institution," said Dolan, who had been the President and Chief Executive Officer at the Catholic Foundation in Denver. Prior to that, he was Vice Chancellor for Enrollment at the University of Denver. He has also held senior leadership

positions in enrollment management at The Catholic University of America and the University of Tampa.

"This opportunity to join La Salle University is a chance to work at an institution that changes lives," he said. "Christian Brothers schools help people achieve their life's dreams, something I care deeply about. So this is a great fit for me."

At La Salle, Dolan will be responsible for recruiting students in its three schools and one college, undergraduate and graduate students, and part-time and/or evening students, too.

He said he hopes to attract the students who will "fit" in with the University.

"We have a goal of 850 first-year students (for next fall)," he said. "Who are they? They are students who are leaders, the students actively involved in their high schools. That's the La Salle fit. That's who we are."

With the planned construction of a new science and technology center and the purchase of Germantown Hospital, creating a West Campus, "La Salle is going to be a very different school from what we see now," he said. "The science and technology center will boost our science programs and our School of Nursing and Health Sciences will have state-of-the-art facilities (on West Campus). We're going to recruit the students who will fit with the new facilities, as well attract students to our core programs, such as English."

A graduate of Benedictine College in Kansas, Dolan is a graduate student in the Master of Liberal Arts program at the University of Denver.

Dolan and his wife have four children, two sons who serve in the military, a daughter in college, and another daughter in middle school.

—Jon Carrollis

## Ricci Steps into Two New Roles

La Salle's former Vice President of Enrollment Services Raymond Ricci, '67, has taken on two new positions—Special Assistant to the President for Mission Integration and Assistant to the Provost for Freshman Year Programs.

For more than 40 years, Ricci has served the University as an Evening Division academic counselor, a teacher, Director of University Planning, and Registrar. He had served as Vice President for Enrollment Services since 1990.

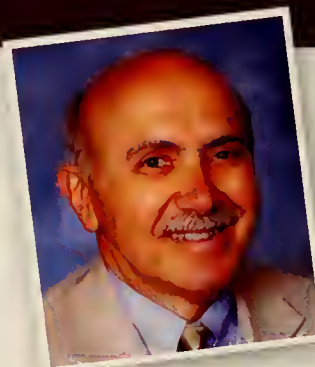
As Special Assistant to the President for Mission Integration, Ricci will advise La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, on issues related to the University's mission.

Ricci received the University's Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award in 2004, and he participated in the

three-year Lasallian Leadership Institute. He has served on the Mission Council of the Baltimore District and is also serving on the Mission and Ministry Committee of a new unified eastern district of the Christian Brothers.

As Special Assistant to the Provost for Freshman Year Programs, Ricci will help create a positive college experience for newly enrolled students. He will continue to develop an early-alert intervention plan for at-risk students and the assessment of Learning Support Programs and a variety of programs for first-year students.

"The effective integration of our mission into the fabric of life at La Salle and the improvement of student retention



and satisfaction are among the University's strategic priorities," Br. Michael said. "I feel certain that Ray's experience and motivation will help us accomplish these two important goals."

—Marian Butcher

## Honor Roll 2006-2007

The following donors were listed incorrectly in the 2006-2007 La Salle University Honor Roll of Donors. They should have been listed in the category indicated below.

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Bernadette (Mulligan) Janis, Ed.D., and

Christopher J. Janis, CPA (15 years of giving)



## Paul Brazina Named Dean of the School of Business



Paul R. Brazina, long-time La Salle accounting professor and business leader, has been named Dean of the University's School of Business. Brazina had served as Interim Dean since 2005.

"His experience in the business world has commanded respect throughout the Philadelphia corporate community and will be of significant value as we seek to enhance recognition of the School of Business in the mid-Atlantic region," said Richard Nigro, Ph.D., La Salle's Provost.

Brazina joined La Salle in 1974, bringing his real-world experience to the classroom. He rose through the ranks to become a full-time tenured faculty member and received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1979.

Originally, Brazina said he held back from the permanent Dean position because he preferred teaching. However, he realized that his more than 30 years' experience at La Salle put him in a unique position.

"I know the La Salle culture, and I know the business world. I realized the opportunity to leverage the School of Business into new areas and into new endeavors for students, faculty, and alumni," he said.

While at La Salle, Brazina founded and served as Executive Director of La Salle's E-Commerce Institute, developed a certificate program in e-commerce, and helped the School of Business launch a new four-year BS/MBA program in accounting.

As Dean, he hopes to make the School of Business a leader in the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and to grow undergraduate and graduate enrollment. One of his first projects will be to help oversee the move of La Salle's MBA programs in Montgomery County to the new Metroplex Corporate Center in Plymouth Meeting.

—Amy Gardner Cranston

## Creating a Positive First Impression through Academic Advising

One of the most appealing features of a college or university is the ability for students to bond and communicate with their professors, according to Jayne Drake, Ph.D., a professor of English at Temple University and member of the Board of Directors of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

Drake recently met with nearly 50 La Salle University advisers during her presentation "Mediating

the Dissonance: Academic Advising at the Intersection between Expectations and Experience." As the history of advising has changed, so has its prominence in providing quality education, Drake noted.

"Often, it is the experience that will either lead a student to stay or a student to leave," she said.



According to Phenix Frazier, La Salle's Coordinator of Freshman Advising and Tutoring Support, an advising workshop is presented each fall semester—but this is the first time the University has hosted a national speaker. Drake covered the history and methods of advising over the last 50 years. What one professor in 1953 once described as the most tedious and clerical process is now viewed as an essential relationship with students, she said.

NACADA describes advising as less about procedure and more about disseminating the right information to students so they learn to make key decisions about their future. "Advising is way more than scheduling," Drake said. "One of the best ways to retain a student is to connect them with the institution. ... If you can find a way to connect that student to you and to the institution, you're way ahead of the game."

Drake noted the thoughtfulness and energy of La Salle advisers who attended the presentation and said it suggests that La Salle has "a great group of committed advisers."

—Liz Vargo

## La Salle Honors Two Scientist Alumni

During the Honors Convocation this fall, La Salle honored alumni Naomi J. Halas, Ph.D., '80, and J. Patrick Henry, Ph.D., '69, for their significant contributions to science.

Halas, a professor at Rice University, has pioneered the use of opticals in nanotechnology, which has implications for treating cancer. Henry, a professor at the University of Hawaii, has contributed to understanding the evolution of the universe.

In granting the degree to Halas, President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, said, "Your work has been recognized by the federal government, industry, academia, professional societies, publications, and women's organizations, among others ... It is important to note that we honor you also for the 'spiritual barometer,' as you call it, which guides your life, for your belief in putting a human face on engineering, and for your devotion to your students."

Halas invented nanoshells—miniscule particles of glass encased in gold, which can be adapted by light. Nanoshells that are injected into the veins of cancerous mice naturally clustered in tumors. When a laser was beamed at the nanoshells, it heated and destroyed the tumor without harming the surrounding tissue.

Upon honoring Henry, Br. Michael said, "For more than three decades, you have devoted yourself to the quest for scientific knowledge applied to solving the major mysteries of the universe. ... We hope that our students will be inspired by your enthusiasm and accomplishments."

Henry is internationally renowned for his work in cosmology. He made the first observations of clusters of galaxies at cosmological distances. Currently, he's researching what scientists call the "dark matter problem" and the "dark energy problem"—the major questions in our understanding of the universe.

Both recipients credited La Salle's professors for their inspiration and support.

—Jon Caroulis



### MONKS OF THE DEPRUNG GOMANG MONASTERY VISIT CAMPUS

La Salle was treated to a quiet and colorful display this fall when monks of the Deprung Gomang monastery in India created a sand mandala for the Diplomat-in-Residence program. Their intricately designed image—made from crushed and colored marble—was constructed in the La Salle Art Museum over one week's time and destroyed upon its completion. The University first hosted the monks two years ago.

## Retired Faculty and Staff Luncheon



The University's retired faculty and staff reunited for their annual luncheon. Front row (from left): Brother Nicolas Sullivan, F.S.C., Ph.D., Geology; Brother Daniel Burke, Ph.D., F.S.C., President Emeritus, English; Georgette Most, Head Librarian; Grace Pierce, wife of the late Raymond Pierce, Ph.D., Philosophy; Peter Sweeney, '47, Accounting; Richard Strosser, '49, Philosophy; Thomas Phillips, Philosophy; Barbara Millard, Ph.D., English; Angela Duffy, wife of John Duffy. Second row (from left): Thomas McCarthy, Ph.D., Psychology; Robert Lyons, '61, Director of the News Bureau; John Rossi, Ph.D., '58, History; Joseph O'Grady, Ph.D., History; Marilyn Lambert, Ed.D., Education; Charles Halpin, '44, Management; Peter Filicetti, Ph.D., Psychology; Art Stanley, Development; John Rooney, Ph.D., '46, Psychology; Marian Rooney; David Efroymsen, Ph.D., Religion; John Duffy, Ph.D., Economics; Rev. David Beebe, Chaplain; Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., '55, Development. Third row (from left): Ralph Tekel, Ph.D., Chemistry; Brother Edward Davis, F.S.C., Foreign Languages; Howard Hannum, Ph.D., '48, English; David Fleming, '67, Vice President for Business Affairs; John McCann, Ph.D., '57, Foreign Languages; Finn Hornum, Criminal Justice; Joseph Troxell, Management; John Reardon, '59, Ed.D., Accounting; Samuel Wiley, Ph.D., Mathematics; Robert Fallon, Ph.D., English.



## Web Casting is a Winner for La Salle Sports Fans and Students

BY BILLY ORNDORFF, '07

DO YOU LOVE LA SALLE ATHLETICS BUT ARE UNABLE to catch your favorite game? Now—whether you're local to Philly or tuning in from across the country—you can access La Salle sports from virtually any place at any time.

An innovative project launched by the Athletics and Communication departments is delivering University athletics straight to fans through live Web casts.

"Making athletic events accessible to our fans through video streaming is something that we are certainly excited about, and what really makes this project such a great endeavor is that we are also providing La Salle students with some excellent practical experience," said Athletic Director Thomas Brennan, Ed.D. "I also feel like this is an area where La Salle can be in the forefront by setting the standard for video-streaming among (other) schools."

The University has fully committed to the project—providing financing, technology, and research—by expanding viewership with a subscription through CSTV on [www.goexplorers.com](http://www.goexplorers.com). Viewers can sign up for \$9.95 per month or \$79.95 a year, with access to La Salle basketball, soccer, swimming, and lacrosse, as well as basketball games within the Atlantic 10 conference. In November, more than 100 people had subscribed.

Athletic Communications Director Kale Beers, '95, said, "As an alumnus of the Communication Department, to be able to give the students this opportunity is very exciting. The department already does a great job preparing students for careers in journalism, but this will ultimately make their efforts better."

Each production requires input from student volunteers of both the Athletics and Communication departments. Sophomore communication major Jake Holler works with about eight students to broadcast basketball games.

"Web streaming is the future of media," said Holler, who supervises scheduling. "I'm pretty excited to be a part of this. ... It's more creative, innovative, and expands my horizons."

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*—Jake Holler*



*Sophomore Jake Holler and freshman Kaitlyn Linsner provide footage of La Salle athletics to Internet viewers via Web-casting technology.*

The Web cast strives "to do a complete television production," Beers said. Unlike other schools that may use a single camera or a TriCaster with three cameras, La Salle invested in full television gear with a 12-channel system.

Up to five cameras broadcast the action to viewers during Explorer basketball games. Sports held at McCarthy Stadium feature a single-camera view of the entire field. The games are automatically archived, and Holler said highlights are uploaded to Athletics' main page within an hour. As the project gains momentum, organizers hope to upgrade production and include features like replays and slow motion.

Sid MacLeod, assistant professor of communication, researched Web-casting technology and drove the decision-making process.

"With the education that exists in today's world, employers want as much real-world working experience as they can get," MacLeod said. "Our students are producing a real-live television show, and that really says something about La Salle University."

The partnership between La Salle Athletics and the Communication Department will continue to both expand the boundaries of La Salle's athletics and enhance the education of La Salle's communication students.



## Marriages

1970 Paul T. Hannan (B.A.) to Patricia Sweeney.

1985 Michele M. Patrick (B.A.) to Bill Bukowski.

1998 Terrence W. Terifay (B.S.) to Lori M. Congdon (B.A. '97).

1997 Lori M. Congdon (B.A.) to Terrence W. Terifay (B.S. '96).

Michael C. Sielski (B.A.) to Kathryn Zilshy.

1998 Thomas A. Sabol Jr. (B.A.) to Beth Duschatko.

2000 Kelly M. Dimmerling (B.A.) to Christopher Chapman.

Michael E. Jordan (B.A.) to Johanna Mohr.

2001 Kenneth R. Genco (B.S.) to Elaine Marie Peters.

Abigail Laurich (B.A.) to Luis Carlos Rodriguez Rojas.

2002 Marc A. Alfaraano (B.A.) to Laura D. Rivers.

Sharon A. Fleming (B.A.) to Mike Womelsdorf.

Patricia A. Gauss (BSN) to Thomas J. Kelly.

Jennifer Liciardello (B.A.) to Hal Dugan.

Shana L. Viggiano (B.A.) to Vincent A. Durso (B.A. '04).

2003 Adam J. Barclay (B.A.) to Susan E. Connor (B.A. '04).

Christine E. Walker (B.S.) to Paul Skozilas.

2004 Susan E. Connor (B.A.) to Adam J. Barclay (B.A. '03).

Vincent A. Durso (B.A.) to Shana L. Viggiano (B.A. '02).

Katie A. Fluck (B.A.) to Domenic Magazu III (B.A. '06).

Brian P. Knuettel (B.A.) to Kathleen M. Beaver.

LauraBeth Long (BSN) to W. Thomas McAllister (B.A.).

Jacqueline M. DeMedio (B.A.) to Michael Forenschak (B.A., MACP '06).

2005 Dana L. Bilella (B.A.) to David P. Luckenbill (B.A.).

Bradley A. Himmelstein (B.A.) to Mary Tramel (B.A. '06).

2006 Jennifer M. Angersbach (B.A.) to Michael Squillante.

Katherine M. Emery (BSN) to Christopher N. Moyer.

Domenic Magazu III (B.A.) to Katie A. Fluck (B.A. '04).

Mary Tramel (B.A.) to Bradley A. Himmelstein (B.A. '06).

Kati L. Tyra (MBA) to Timothy E. O'Brien.

1955 Thomas E. Dougherty (B.S.) of Richboro, Pa., is pleased to be a member of La Salle University's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1956 William J. Brady Jr. (B.S.) of Langhorne, Pa., celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Frances.

1957 Charles P. Kindregan, Esq. (B.A., M.A. '58) of Boston, Mass., co-authored his 10th book, *Assisted Reproduction Technology: Lawyer's Guide to Emerging Law and Science*, published by the American Bar Association.

1958 ★ REUNION YEAR Vito A. Canuso (B.S.) of Collegeville, Pa., will celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 1, 2008. He has six children and 16 grandchildren.

1959 James F. Stehli (B.S.) of Binghamton, N.Y., resigned from Smith Barney after 26 years of service and has accepted the Vice President position with Morgan Stanley in Binghamton.

1960 Joseph E. Hill (B.A.) of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., published his first novel, *The Irish Rose*, an Irish-American, human-interest family love story, and is working on a sequel, *Bereavement and Reconciliation*, which is a personal narrative, non-fiction work about how the author survived the death of his wife, Elizabeth. He is also working on a full-length play, *Pearse*, a salute to Padraic Henry Pearse.

Rear Adm. Hugh P. Scott, M.C. USN, Ret. (B.A.) of Annandale, Va., was honored by the American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates as one of 113 physician veterans of the Vietnam War who became the first doctors of osteopathic medicine to be commissioned as medical corps officers in the United States armed forces. He received a medallion in recognition of his service to the country and the osteopathic profession.

1961 Br. James F. Rieck, F.S.C. (B.A.) celebrated 50 years as a De La Salle Christian Brother at La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor, Pa., where he is the Director of Admissions.

1963 ★ REUNION YEAR Patrick J. Cronin (B.A.) of Johnson City, Tenn., a Masque alumnus and longtime music theater notable, assisted in creating a theater major at East Tennessee State University. During the last eight years, the major has grown from 12 students taking theater

1938 ★ REUNION YEAR Earl C. Costa, DDS, FAGD (B.A.) of Lewistown, Pa., earned a 50 Years Perfect Attendance honor as a member of the Rotary Club. He is a Fourth Degree Knight.

1943 ★ REUNION YEAR

1948 ★ REUNION YEAR Carlo J. Salzano (B.S.) of Arlington, Va., is a retired journalist who continues to freelance for transportation publications.

1949 Col. James D. Tynan, Ret. (B.A.) of Devon, Pa., was inducted into the U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regimental Hall of Fame in April 2007.

1951 James J. Phelan (B.S.) of Emmitsburg, Md., was installed in the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in November 2007. This was the seventh Hall of Fame he has been inducted into, including La Salle College High School and La Salle University. He was the captain of the Explorers' 1951 NIT championship team and coached basketball at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland from 1954 to 2003.

1952 C. William Kieser (B.A.) of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., donated a Resolute z8 racing shell for the men and women of the La Salle rowing teams. He was honored at the Fairmount Boat Club on Boathouse Row with a traditional boat christening, "The C.W. Kieser, '52."

1953 ★ REUNION YEAR



as part of a speech degree to 60 students majoring in theater and 100 students minoring in the program. A new dance minor has also been established at the university.

**1964 Richard F. Keevey (B.A.)** of Vienna, Va., is the Director of the Research and Policy Institute for the Region at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

**Francis X. Rauscher (B.A.)** of Cape May, N.J., a senior adjunct instructor of English at Atlantic Cape County College, was awarded the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award at the school's commencement ceremony in May.

**1965 Timothy C. Brennan Jr., Ed.D. (B.A.)** of Melville, N.Y., a retired superintendent with a history of conflict resolution, was hired by the Ridgewood School District as interim superintendent until the end of the school year.

**Donald J. Rainey (B.A.)** of Waterford Works, N.J., retired as the Director of the Teacher Preparation Program at Rutgers University, Camden.

**1966 Edward J. Wagner (B.S.)** of Mililani, Hawaii, retired as an IT specialist after 25 years of service with the Department of Defense Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Program in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**1967 John J. Moffatt Jr. (B.A.)** of Meadowbrook, Pa., retired as a history teacher and guidance counselor after 37 years in the Colonial School District in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

**1968 ★ REUNION YEAR Joseph W. Rovelli (B.S.)** of Allentown, N.J., retired from the North Bergen School District in New Jersey after 38 years of service. He served as a teacher, department chair, and district supervisor.

**1969 Joseph H. Reichman, M.D. (B.S.)** of Gibbsboro, N.J., was named Vice President of Medical Affairs and Surgical Programs for the Kennedy Health System.

**Frederick E. Wilson Jr. (B.S.)** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., is a vice president for Education Affiliates of Baltimore, Md., and was appointed to a four-year term on the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools by Pennsylvania's Secretary of Education.

**1970 Paul J. Burgoyne, Esq. (B.A.)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., was elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term as Director-at-Large by the National Organization of Bar



### A GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

*Golden Jubilarian Brother Gabriel Fagan, F.S.C., Ph.D. (center), associate professor of English, celebrates his anniversary in October with his brother, Brother Robert Fagan, F.S.C. (left), of the Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, N.J., and Brother Frank Byrne, F.S.C. (right), New York Provincial. The evening began with a Mass at Old St. Joseph's Church, followed by dinner at the Omni Hotel in Center City Philadelphia.*

Counsel. He is also Deputy Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

**Paul T. Hannan (B.A.)** of Herndon, Va., retired from Northwest Airlines and began a new career with the Knights of Columbus.

**Thomas M. McLaughlin (B.A.)** of Boone, N.C., received one of five Board of Governors Appalachian State University School/College Awards. He has been a member of the faculty in the Department of English for 30 years and teaches literary theory and British literature.

**Guy M. Nardella Jr., M.D. (B.A.)** of Media, Pa., was named Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Crozier-Chester Medical Center.

**1971 Robert J. Ballister (B.S.)** of North Charleston, S.C., joined Carolina Capital Management of Daniel Island as a financial representative.

**Robert J. Walsh Jr. (B.A.)** of Warrington, Pa., was named head coach for the girls' basketball team at Lansdale Catholic High School.

**1972 Roman O. Nowakiwsky (B.S.)** of Breckenridge, Colo., left the corporate world after 42 years to start a small condo-rental business in Breckenridge, Colo., with his wife, Olha (Mychajliw) Nowakiwsky (B.S. '77).

**1973 ★ REUNION YEAR John J. Carrozza (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was named Teacher of the Year at South Philadelphia High School.

**Edward Y. Given Jr. (B.S.)** of Greenville, S.C., was appointed Executive Director for the upstate area of Professional Network Connections of South Carolina, a consortium of business professionals who come together

to inspire and educate each other in order to further succeed in their professions.

**1974 Alexander D. Bono, Esq. (B.A.)** of Bryn Mawr, Pa., joined Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP as a partner and Chair of the firm's securities litigation practice. He is the former General Counsel to Commerce Bancorp, the Philadelphia-based financial services retailer.

**Lawrence P. DiFranco (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., became a partner with Elfant Wissahickon Realtors.

**Edward N. Sague, DDS (B.S.)** of Cape May, N.J., received the prestigious Senior Dental Clinician Award from the United States Public Health Service for a lifetime of achievement in the U.S. Coast Guard Dental Program.

**1975 James (Jamie) Malanowski (B.A.)** of New York, N.Y., published his latest book, *The Coup*, to great reviews in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*.

**Judith (Reyers) Spires (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was named to the "Top Women in Grocery" listing by *Progressive Grocer*. She was selected based on nominations from within the industry and on strict criteria set out by the editors of the trade magazine.

**1976 Charles F. Dombrowski, CPA (B.S.)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., is the Vice President of Financial Planning and Analysis with Hill International, a worldwide construction consulting firm.

**Philip E. Haines, Esq. (B.A.)** of Juliustown, N.J., was the Burlington County Republican-endorsed candidate for the 8th Legislative District Senate seat in New Jersey. He won with 61 percent of the vote.



## Births and Adoptions

**1986** A daughter, Katherine Ryan, to Mary F. Ryan and **Edward C. Sweeney, Esq. (B.A.)**.

**1989** An adopted daughter, Claire XuXiaoNa, to John and **Susan (Kazmierczak) Robb (B.S.)**.

A son, Nicholas, to Robert Aboud, Esq., and **Samantha C. Shakely, Esq. (B.A.)**.

**1990** A daughter, Grace Elizabeth, to **Mary Ellen (Banford) O'Malley (B.S.)** and **Thomas J. O'Malley (B.S.)**.

**1991** A daughter, Ava Noelle, to John and **Cherie (DeFulvio) Eatherton (B.A.)**.

**1992** A daughter, Savannah Donna-Nicole, to Stefan and **Nicole (Anderson) Johnson (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, to **James A. Moran (B.S.)** and **Eileen (Ruff) Moran (B.A. '95)**.

**1994** A son, Andrew Max, to Drew and **Katie (Marks) Barker (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Maggie Ann, to Kristin and **Robert P. Hurley (B.A.)**.

A son, Jack Joseph, to Tyler and **Debra (Fazio) Rutt (B.A.)**.

**1995** A daughter, Abigail Rose, to **Ronald A. DeLucca (B.A.)** and **Lori (Arimento) DeLucca (B.A. '97)**.

A daughter, Maura Kathleen, to John and **Erin (Madison) Gallagher (B.A., MCC '99)**.

A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to **Kristen E. (Spielberger) Giordano (BSN)** and **Lance J. Giordano (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, to **Eileen (Ruff) Moran (B.A.)** and **James A. Moran (B.S. '92)**.

A daughter, Olivia Hart, to Robert and **Jennifer (Hart) Seidel (B.S.)**.

**1996** A daughter, Chloe Christine, to **Brian J. Martin (B.A.)** and **Leslie C. Martin (MBA '06)**.

A daughter, Madeleine Claire, to Tim and **Donna M. (Kolodziej) Peek (B.A.)**.

**1997** A daughter, Abigail Rose, to **Lori (Arimento) DeLucca (B.A.)** and **Ronald A. DeLucca (B.A. '95)**.

A daughter, Mairead, to Patrick and **Maryellen (Trainor) McGinley (B.A.)**.

A son, Nicholas Steven, to Frank and **Jennifer (Cody) Pezzotta (B.S.)**.

A daughter, Audrey, to Trisha and **Joseph T. Tresnan III (B.A.)**.

A son, William James, to Helene and **William J. Usher Jr. (B.A.)**.

**1998** A daughter, Gabriella Rose, to Joseph and **Erin K. (Hannigan) Camara (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Alexa Lynn, to Chris and **Andrea L. (McGinley) Corey (B.A.)**.

A son, Timothy Curtis, to Peter and **Amanda C. (Smith) Fridirici (B.A.)**.

A son, Ryan Everett, to Forrest and **Colleen (Ledger) Taylor (B.S.)**.

**1999** A son, Logan Michael, to **Keryn M. (Comerford) Cerniglia (B.A.)** and **Michael T. Cerniglia (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Lauren Noelle, to Dennis and **Wendi T. (O'Boyle) Duffy (B.A.)**.

A son, Liam Charles, to Robert and **Charlotte (O'Brien) Lyons (B.A.)**.

**2000** A son, Jackson Peter, to **Toniann (Razzi) Cummins (B.A., MBA '04)** and **Christopher M. Cummins (B.S.)**.

**2001** A daughter, Hannah Catherine, to Kelly and **Scott L. Gorrell (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Gwendolynn Erin, to Ryan and **Courtney L. (Liebel) Ryan (B.S.)**.

**2006** A daughter, Chloe Christine, to **Leslie C. Martin (MBA)** and **Brian J. Martin (B.A. '96)**.

**Francis X. Viggiano (B.A.)** of Mahtomedi, Minn., was elected Vice President and Treasurer of the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program Inc. in St. Paul, Minn.

**1977 Kathleen M. (Walter) Boone (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., retired as a school psychologist with the School District of Philadelphia after 20 years of service. In 2007, she completed her Master of Divinity degree at the General Theological Seminary in New York and in June was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church. She is the pastoral leader of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity in Lafayette Hill, Pa. She was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 15, 2007, at the Philadelphia Cathedral.

**Olha (Mychajliw) Nowakiwsky (B.S.)** of Breckenridge, Colo., left the corporate world after 42 years to start a small condo-rental business in Breckenridge, Colo., with her husband, **Roman D. Nowakiwsky (B.S. '72)**.

**1978 ★ REUNION YEAR Joseph Bille (B.A.)** of Burbank, Calif., was promoted to Director of the Music Library and Research at Warner Bros. Studio in Burbank, Calif.

**Blondell K. Spellman, Esq. (B.A.)** of Atlantic City, N.J., was a candidate for the New Jersey State Assembly.

**Edward J. Suchy (B.A.)** of Hatboro, Pa., is President of the Delaware Valley Surf Anglers Club.

**1979 Angela M. Cella (B.S.)** of Cape May, N.J., won the 2007 DVD Critics Award for Best TV Series as series producer for the 1960s classic comedy *Get Smart*.

**Joseph J. Cicala, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of King of Prussia, Pa., received the American College Personnel Association's (ACPA) Senior Practitioner Program Award. He was recognized for integrating principles of good practice into

his work and for affirming the leadership of seniors in the ongoing development of the association and the profession. He was also recognized as a Diamond Honoree of ACPA's Educational Leadership Foundation and was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame of his secondary school *alma mater*, Bishop McDevitt High School in Wyncote, Pa., where he serves on the President's Advisory Board.

**James V. Morris (B.S.)** of Lower Gwynedd, Pa., was listed as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Finance by *Treasury and Risk* magazine in June 2007.

**Matthew S. Steinberg, DMD (B.A.)** opened a new dental office in Plainsboro, N.J.

**1980 Charles E. Norfleet, CPA (B.S.)** of Woodbridge, Va., is the Division Chief of the Minerals Management Service's Planning and Management Division for



the Department of the Interior. In addition to being a CPA, he is also a certified government financial manager.

**1982 Lorraine (Getka) Zysk (B.A.)** of Ambler, Pa., is an investment adviser for Wilmington Trust of Pennsylvania. She works with high-net-worth clients of Wilmington Trust's Doylestown and Lehigh Valley offices.

**1983 ★ REUNION YEAR Lawrence E. Burns (B.A.)** of Hatboro, Pa., was named a board member for the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce for 2007.

**Thomas P. Forkin, Esq. (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was named Executive Director to Pennsylvania House Speaker **Dennis M. O'Brien (B.S. '83)**.

**David B. McGuigan (B.A.)** completed a term of service as Novice Director of the Marianist Province of the United States. He is the Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Eldersburg, Md.

**Claire M. Missanelli (B.A.)** of New York, N.Y., is the outreach producer for the film *Gypsy Caravan*.

**John M. Wasylenko (MBA)** of Birmingham, Ala., was appointed Director of Sales and Marketing for Ancient Mosaic Studios and Piage-Pieta Art Stone, designers and manufacturers of handcrafted outdoor furniture and accessories.

**1984 Susan Croushore (MBA)** of Loveland, Ohio, was elected Chair for the Greater Cincinnati Health Council. She is also the Executive Director and Senior Vice President of Christ Hospital, a division of Health Alliance.

**Joseph A. McPeak (B.A.)** of Cinnaminson, N.J., entered his 22nd season as producer/director of Philadelphia Eagles' radio broadcasts for 94 WYSP.

**George M. Sawn (B.S., MBA '89)** of Jobstown, N.J., was appointed to the Board of Directors of ExpertPlan, a leading provider of private-label recordkeeping solutions to the retirement plan industry.

**1985 Steven G. Cooper (B.S.)** of Charlotte, N.C., was promoted to General Manager of HighReach Learning, a Charlotte-based early childhood curriculum company.

**Michele M. Patrick (B.A.)** of Salisbury, Md., is the Senior Speechwriter for the president of Georgetown University. She continues to work on her first book for Penfield Press

and has returned as a monthly columnist for *GSN: Government Security News* magazine. She has visited 40 countries on six continents.

**1986 Robert M. Larney (MBA)** of Northville, Mich., was named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Foamex International Inc.

**1988 ★ REUNION YEAR Donna A. Hawkins (B.A.)** of Capitol Heights, Md., owns an online travel business. For information about her services, visit [www.marisoltravel.com](http://www.marisoltravel.com).



**William R. Sasso, Esq. (B.A. '69)** of Philadelphia, Pa., received the William Penn Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a business person in greater Philadelphia, for his outstanding contributions to the

betterment of the region, his professional accomplishments, and his commitment to charity and the community. He was also elected Chairman of the Foundation Board for the Free Library of Philadelphia.

**1989 Craig J.N. dePaulo, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of McKeesport, Pa., received a papal indult granting him permission to be ordained in the Byzantine Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. In June 2007, he was ordained a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma for Ukrainians. He is the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in McKeesport, Pa.

**Br. Joseph Dougherty, F.S.C. (M.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated his 25th year in religious life during Vespers at La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor, Pa. He is an assistant professor of religion at La Salle University and coordinates the Catholic studies minor.

**Larry D. Holman (MBA, M.S. '90)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was voted Man of the Year at the annual convention of the Department of Pennsylvania Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

**Thomas A. Ipri (B.A.)** of Henderson, Nev., is the Head of Media and Computer Services at Lied Library at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

**Catherine A. (Makem) Stock (M.A.)** of Drexel Hill, Pa., was one of 12 teachers and student teachers who went to Peru to observe teaching methods of different styles and locations of schools. This unique experience was offered through West Chester University by way of a Fulbright Scholarship.

**1990 Thomas J. O'Malley, Esq. (B.S.)** of Jenkintown, Pa., was named Super Lawyer in Entertainment and Arts by *Philadelphia* magazine.

**Emily (Fauser) Thomas (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., received a M.Ed. in alternative education from Lock Haven University.

**1991 Michael S. Higgins (B.A.)** of Norristown, Pa., accepted the position of Manager of Learning and Professional Development for the PMA Insurance Group in Blue Bell, Pa.

**1992 Thomas R. Libonate (B.A.)** of Danbury, Conn., played the role of Sam Craig in the Hartford Stage Company's production of *Our Town*, starring Hal Holbrook.

**Antonio O. Mangabat Jr. (B.A.)** of Media, Pa., is the Environmental, Health, and Safety Manager at Graphic Arts Association.

**Maryann R. McKeogh (B.A., MBA '98)** was appointed Treasurer of the newly formed province of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in the United States, headquartered in Des Plaines, Ill.

**1993 ★ REUNION YEAR Maj.**

**Michael J. Arnold (B.A.)** is stationed in South Korea with his wife, Karen, and two children, Andrew and Cameron.

**Sara D. MacNeil (B.S.)** of Agoura Hills, Calif., has worked with teenagers in the United States, Taiwan, and Malawi through the non-denominational Christian ministry Young Life.

**1994 Craig W. Davis (B.S.)** of Berlin, N.J., was instrumental in reviving the Hammonton Tennis Tournament. This annual event is open to all skill levels.

**Thomas J. Machinchick (MBA)** of Santa Fe, N.M., is the Chief Operating Officer of a foreign exchange hedge fund and is in the process of starting a new investment management company that will offer foreign exchange and other global macro investment products.

## Three Alumni Join the Priesthood



Three alumni who were recently ordained to the diocesan priesthood join 160 La Salle priests: (Above from left) Fathers Patrick Hoare, '88, Michael Marrone, '93, and Michael Triplett, '01.

Formerly a vice president of Liberty Mutual, Fr. Hoare of Willow Grove, Pa., now serves as a parochial vicar in Huntersville, N.C. Fr. Hoare completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa., where he received both M.A. and M.Div. degrees. Intrigued with the growing Catholic population in the South, he looks forward to "being part of evangelizing a population in North Carolina that is less than 4 percent Catholic, but growing through relocations from the Northeast and Midwest and through those converting to the faith." He was ordained for the Diocese of Charlotte.

A South Philadelphia native, Fr. Michael Marrone graduated from La Salle with a bachelor's degree in education/social studies. From 1993 until 2001, he was a faculty member at Northeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, and he was an adjunct professor in La Salle's Education Department from 2000 to 2002. His preparation for the priesthood took place at St. Charles Seminary, Wynnewood, Pa., where he received both M.A. and M.Div. degrees. Ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Fr. Marrone is a parochial vicar at St. Katherine of Siena parish located in the Torresdale section of Northeast Philadelphia. He is a proud nephew of Pete Parizino, the long-time campus barber.

Currently a graduate student in spiritual theology at the Teresianum University, Rome, where he anticipates completing his degree in June 2008, Fr. Michael Triplett was ordained to serve in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, his native city. A member of the University's Honors Program, he received a bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy before entering St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park, Md. This was followed by studies for a bachelor's degree in sacred theology at the Gregorian University in Rome. He said that he "finds great peace praying with and for the people, teaching the young and youth, and visiting with the elderly and infirm."

**Joseph A. Ochipinti (B.A.)** of Lake Mary, Fla., is Vice President of Consumer Direct Health for United Healthcare. He and his wife, Deirdre, are enjoying the sunshine and year-round golfing.

**Bradly J. Riegel (B.S.)** of Adamstown, Pa., was promoted to Expert Security Officer at the Philadelphia International Airport, F Terminal.

**1996 Mary W. Fahr (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed Vice President of Cash Management for Continental Bank.

**Daniel T. Hoban Jr. (B.A.)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., was inducted into the Roman Catholic High School Sports Hall of Fame in April 2007, along with **LaDon (Donnie) Carr (B.A. '00)**.

**Michael V. Troso, Esq. (B.A.)** of Marlton, N.J., is engaged to **Joann Hagelmann (B.A. '99)** of Marlton, N.J.

**1997 Lori M. Congdon (B.A.)** of Newtown Square, Pa., is an account specialist for Roche Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**Kristin (Hairrell) Fairweather (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., started a Philadelphia chapter of the New York-based Metropolitan

Moms, an organization that schedules museum trips, cultural events, and gallery tours for mothers with or without their children.

**Vincent J. Mandes, CPA (MBA)** of Ivyland, Pa., was named Vice President of Finance and Human Resources for Lincoln Investment Planning Inc. in Wyncote, Pa.

**David B. Reader (B.A.)** of Westmont, N.J., was awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. He teaches at Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, N.J. The foundation recognizes promising and distinguished teachers to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and development of American constitutional government.

**1998 ★ REUNION YEAR Lorraine A. Gross (MBA)** of Carversville, Pa., joined Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty in the New Hope, Pa., office. She lists and sells residential and commercial real estate in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

**Steven C. Kleinschmidt, R.N., BSN (B.A., BSN '07)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is on staff at Cooper University Hospital working in the Department of Cardiovascular Disease Research.

**Thomas A. Sabol Jr. (B.A.)** of Flagstaff, Ariz., earned a M.S. in geology from Northern Arizona University. He is a hydrogeologist on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon.

**1999 Brian J. Doyle, M.D. (B.A.)** of Baltimore, Md., graduated from Temple University Medical School and is doing his residency at Johns Hopkins University Hospital at Bayview in Baltimore, Md.

**Joann Hagelmann (B.A. '99)** of Marlton, N.J., is engaged to **Michael V. Troso, Esq. (B.A. '96)** of Marlton, N.J.

**Libby Kozanas (BSN)** of Rockville, Md., is an oncology research nursing specialist with the National Institutes Health Stem Cell Transplant Program. She is engaged to Maj. George Koklanaris, U.S. Army Reserves. A June 2008 wedding is being planned.

**Kenneth R. Liberatore, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Ventura, Calif., earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, Los Angeles.

**2000 Christine (Pieri) Barnhart (B.A.)** of Mount Airy, Md., earned a M.S. in communications management from Towson



University in Towson, Md. She is the President of the Maryland chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

**Joanne Besada (MCC)** of Vineland, N.J., is an organizational development consultant and an instructor at Rowan University.

**LaDon (Donnie) Carr (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was inducted in the Roman Catholic High School Sports Hall of Fame in April 2007, along with **Daniel T. Hoban Jr. (B.A. '96)**.

**Florine Crews (M.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., earned a M.A. at the age of 57 while being an active kindergarten teacher for the School District of Philadelphia. She has published four books since 2004, two of which are Christian poetry, *As I Walk With the King* and *I'm Still Walking*. The third and fourth books are picture books for children, *Hector Did It* and *Let's Play Tag*.

**Michael A. Davis, DVM (B.A.)** of Atlanta, Ga., is a full partner in the Town and County Veterinary Clinic specializing in small animal medicine and surgery.

**Eric G. Dorsey (B.A.)** of Westminster, Md., was named Religion Chair at Cardinal Gibbons, a Christian Brothers school for boys. He teaches social justice and is the Moderator of SALT (Serving and Leading by Teens). He is also the assistant basketball coach at the school.

**Denise Hammel-Jones (MSN)** of Mount Laurel, N.J., was named a clinical project management consultant by Greencastle Associates Consulting LLP in Malvern, Pa.

**Matthew M. Nolan, M.D. (B.A.)** of Owings Mills, Md., began a fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

**James W. Pesavento (MBA)** of Enola, Pa., was named Vice President and Commercial-Relationship Manager for Sovereign Bank. He manages commercial lending and relationships in the Lancaster and Lebanon areas.

**2001 Louis F. Caruso (B.A.)** of Whippany, N.J., was promoted to Vice Principal at Pearl F. Miller School after teaching elementary students at the school for seven years. He is also pursuing a doctoral degree in educational administration at Rutgers University.

**Elizabeth Dierking (B.A.)** of New York, N.Y., is engaged to **Patrick J. McAtee (B.A. '03)** of Bethlehem, Pa. They lost contact with each other after graduation and met again at the

## In Memoriam: Kenneth G. Hager, '58

Kenneth G. Hager, '58, a 45-year member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the board's Secretary from 2001 to 2003, died of heart failure at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Meadowbrook, Pa., on Oct. 19, 2007. He was 71.

In addition to his service to the Alumni Association, Hager will be remembered for his role as La Salle's first non-costumed mascot. During the 1954-55 La Salle basketball season, when Hager was a freshman, he felt disappointed by the sodate nature of the Explorer fans in attendance. During a game against the Temple Owls, Hager donned a raccoon coat and a straw skimmer hat and ran onto the court during halftime to lead cheers.

"I just went out on a lark, on the spur of the moment," Hager told *Main Line Today* magazine in 2002. "The fans caught fire, so every timeout, I had to do it all over again."

By his junior year, Hager had been joined by up to five male cheerleaders, who wore navy sweaters with a gold "L" and were known as the "Excitators."



Hager also was an original member of the Explorer Club's Board of Directors.

Hager, a longtime resident of the Bustleton section of Philadelphia, was a hearings officer for Family Court in Philadelphia until his retirement in 1992. Survivors include a son, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Philadelphia Academy of Music. Both were active in the La Salle Jazz Band while they were students.

**Gregory J. Lyons (B.A.)** of Los Angeles, Calif., was interviewed by Carson Daly for *Last Call*. He was promoting his Bucks County- and Los Angeles-based rock band, Eastern Conference Champions, and its new album *Ameritown*. See the *Last Call* Web site for a clip of the band in action: Behind the Scenes with Eastern Conference Champions. He will also star in Tom Quinn's new film, *Mummers*.

**Erin Mulligan (B.A.)** of Bensalem, Pa., is engaged to **Thomas J. Cole (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa. They are planning a November 2008 wedding.

**Randall J. Strading (MBA)** of Yardley, Pa., was elected to the Lower Bucks County YMCA Board of Directors.

**2002 Laura P. McAlexander (B.A.)** of Haddonfield, N.J., is engaged to Daniel Kulisek. A July 2008 wedding is being planned.

**Matthew T. Peloso (B.A.)** of Washington, N.J., was promoted to General Manager of Cintas Document Management in New Jersey.

**2003 ★ REUNION YEAR Shannon M. Bauer (BSN)** of Harleysville, Pa., completed the Family Nurse Practitioner Program and is pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing at La Salle University.

**Casey L. Bedder, D.O. (B.A.)** of Wilmington, Del., graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine as a doctor of osteopathic medicine. She is doing her residency in obstetrics/gynecology at Christiana Care Health System.

**Michael G. Lo Sapio (B.A.)** of Wilmington, Del., is the head coach for the cross country program at the Salesianum School in Wilmington. He also teaches religion courses at the school and has been an assistant in the school's running program.

**Patrick J. McAtee (B.A.)** of Bethlehem, Pa., is engaged to **Elizabeth Dierking (B.A. '01)** of New York, N.Y. They lost contact with each other after graduation and met again

## In Memoriam

**1937 Isadore Kazinetz (B.S.)** name changed to Irwin Charles Kaye, of Westmont, N.J., on Aug. 11, 2007.

**1939 George R. Givens (B.S.)** of Springfield, N.J., on March 26, 2007.

**1943 Lawrence J. Rosania (B.A.)** of Mount Laurel, N.J., on July 22, 2007.

**1945 Leo E. Connor, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Spring Lake, N.J., on Aug. 2, 2007.

**1948 Charles J. Cochrane (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 29, 2007.

**1949 Francis E. Halloran (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 20, 2007.

**1950 William A. Sheridan, Ed.D. (B.A.)** of Havertown, Pa., on June 26, 2007.

**1951 Lawrence F. Conlin Jr., DDS (B.S.)** of Wilmington, Del., on Aug. 19, 2007.

**Thomas E. Surowicz (B.A.)** of Bowie, Md., on April 13, 2007.

**1952 Gerald B. Baldino (B.S.)** of Media, Pa., on Aug. 8, 2007.

**J. Newton Jones Jr. (B.S.)** of Lancaster, Pa., on Aug. 17, 2007.

**Benjamin Tumolo (B.S.)** of Naples, Fla., on July 20, 2007.

**1953 Carmen F. Longo (B.A.)** of Deptford, N.J., on July 16, 2007.

**1955 Walter Hladchuk (B.S.)** of Bensalem, Pa., on Aug. 6, 2007.

**1958 John C. Carney**, of Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 19, 2007.

**1959 Fredrick J. Kraus Sr. (B.S.)** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., on June 15, 2007.

**1960 Robert B. Adair (B.S.)** of Ocean Pines, Md., on Oct. 13, 2007.

**Joseph J. Francis Sr. (B.S.)** of Beach Haven, N.J., on June 21, 2007.

**Thomas E. Hartberger (B.A.)** of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on Sept. 16, 2007.

**1961 Kenneth J. Roberts (B.S.)** of Northridge, Calif., on Sept. 14, 2007.

**1962 Nicholas F. Lacovara (B.S.)** of Blackwood, N.J., on July 26, 2007.

**Jack Jay Murray (B.S.)** of Los Angeles, Calif., on Jan. 25, 2007.

**1963 John C. Incarvito Jr., M.D. (B.A.)** of North Wildwood, N.J., on May 16, 2007.

**Charles F. Maretski (B.S.)** of Burr Ridge, Ill., on March 15, 2007.

**Robert J. Miller (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 12, 2007.

**Stephen A. Schmidt (B.A.)** of Hinesville, Ga., on Aug. 12, 2007.

**1964 Michael W. McGuire (B.S.)** of San Francisco, Calif., on July 27, 2007.

**1965 James J. Flavin (B.S.)** of Newtown Square, Pa., on June 26, 2007.

**Leonard F. Muldoon (B.A.)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., on Nov. 10, 2006.

**1967 James P. Cain, M.D. (B.S.)** of Pottstown, Pa., on July 6, 2007.

**1968 Duane Meehan (B.A.)** of North Wales, Pa., on Aug. 23, 2007.

**1969 Charles P. Kluge Jr. (B.S.)** of Thorndale, Pa., on Sept. 20, 2007.

**1971 Warren E. Friel (B.S.)** of Woolrich Twp., N.J., on July 7, 2007.

**1972 William J. Hamilton (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 26, 2006.

**Norman M. Weiss (B.S.)** of Bristol, Pa., on Aug. 8, 2007.

**1973 Sandra J. Robinson (B.A.)** on Sept. 6, 2007.

**1974 George Podhiny Jr. (B.S.)** of Coatesville, Pa., on Feb. 24, 2007.

**Albert W. Schueller (B.A.)** of Osceola, Pa., on May 16, 2007.

**1976 Richard A. McManus (B.S.)** of Conshohocken, Pa., on June 28, 2007.

**1977 Thomas C. Denofa (B.S.)** of Cinnaminson, N.J., on July 21, 2007.

**1983 Harvey L. Jarmon (B.S.)** of Ladysmith, Va., on Sept. 1, 2007.

**1987 Mary J. Dress (BSN)** of Bensalem, Pa., on May 11, 2007.

**1990 Mary T. Cronin (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 3, 2007.

**1991 Rose Ann Januzelli (M.A.)** of Audubon, Pa., on Aug. 4, 2007.

**1998 Elaine Wideman-Vaughn (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on July 17, 2007.

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**Kenneth J. Willig** of Jenkintown, Pa., on Aug. 11, 2007.

**Michael J. Kerlin, Ph.D. (B.S. '57, MBA '88)** of Lafayette Hill, Pa., on Nov. 23, 2007. He taught philosophy at La Salle for 40 years.

at the Philadelphia Academy of Music. Both were active in the La Salle Jazz Band while they were students.

**Kimberly A. Sanders (B.A.)** of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., graduated from Temple Law School and is working at Chinicles Jacobsen Tikellis LLP in Haverford, Pa.

**Amy C. Schneider, D.O. (B.A.)** of Bristol, Pa., is doing her residency in Long Island, N.Y., in the field of psychiatry.

**2004 Hope C. Banci (B.A.)** of Langhorne, Pa., received a Master of Arts in humanities from Arcadia University. She is teaching

English at William Tennent High School in Warminster, Pa.

**Daniel R. Coady (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is engaged to Kathleen E. Dixon (BSN) of Philadelphia, Pa.



**Jeanette M. Dixon (B.A.)** of Warminster, Pa., is engaged to Andrew Hughes (B.A.) of Elmer, N.J. They are planning a May 2008 wedding.

**Thomas R. Keiser (MBA)** of Churchville, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors for Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, Pa.

**Koo Hwan Kim (B.S.)** of Springfield, Pa., is the co-owner of Yeadon Brewer's Outlet in Yeadon, Pa.

**Emily B. King (B.A.)** of Bridgeport, Conn., is engaged to Michael Saunders. An August 2008 wedding is being planned.

**Maria C. Lehr (B.A.)** of Glenside, Pa., earned a M.A. in education from Villanova University. She is teaching Spanish at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School in Gwynedd, Pa.

**Justin J. Leo (B.A.)** received his MFA in screenwriting from the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University in California. He is the Office Manager for Fries Film Company, an independent film distribution company in Woodland Hills, Calif.

**Amanda D. Spalding (B.S.)** of Lansdale, Pa., is engaged to **William F. Wiegman (B.A.)** of Feasterville, Pa.



**Karen M. Toner (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., earned a MBA from Holy Family University.

**2005 Julia R. Arrington (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in arts and heritage management from the London Metropolitan University in England.

**Lauren A. Clay (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., received a Fulbright Scholarship to study microfinance in Bangladesh. She took a leave of absence from the New School for Social Research in New York City, where she is studying international affairs.

**William T. Donohoe (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is the Director of Enrollment Management for Bishop McDevitt High School in Glenside, Pa. His responsibilities are assisting in maintaining an ideal enrollment for the school through student recruitment and retention initiatives. He is also the adviser for the Student Ambassadors Organization and the F.A.C.E. Ambassadors, two new student organizations.

**William J. Dougherty, M.A., LCADC (MCC)** of Easton, Pa., is a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor for the state of New Jersey and a clinical supervisor of Substance Abuse Services for Catholic Charities in New

Jersey. He is preparing to sit for his LPC exam and is starting a private counseling practice, Lehigh Counseling Services LLC, in Palmer Township, Pa.

**Kathryn J. Nardella (BSN)** of Media, Pa., is a graduate student in the Clinical Nurse Leader Program at La Salle and a member of the adjunct faculty in La Salle's School of Nursing and Health Sciences. She is also a staff nurse at Paoli Hospital in labor and delivery.

**2006 Thomas W. Mulhern (BSW)** of Tonawanda, N.Y., is the head coach of the Purple Eagles men's and women's cross country teams at Niagara University in New York.

**2007 Brandon P. Davidow (B.A.)** of Perkasi, Pa., launched his broadcasting career as a sports reporter and anchor at KXXV-TV in Waco, Texas. He will report the sports news during the week, including high school, Baylor University, and professional sports teams. On weekends, he will anchor the sports segments.

**Colleen A. Miller (B.A.)** of Downingtown, Pa., is working to close the achievement gap in Philadelphia and provide all students with the opportunity to have an excellent education through the prestigious Teach for America program.

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## Homecoming '07

Despite early fears of a washout, alumni, friends, and families enjoyed a successful Homecoming and Reunion 2007. Heavy rain stopped merely 30 minutes before organizers opened outdoor festivities to more than 500 returning Explorers.

For the first time during Homecoming weekend, approximately 125 guests attended Reunion celebrations around Philadelphia at establishments with alumni connections. The Class of 1987 gathered at General Lafayette Inn and Brewery, the classes of 1992 and 1997 mingled at Mad River Bar and Grille, and the Class of 2002 reunited at the Pour House Tavern.

The fifth annual pre-game Oktoberfest drew a crowd with its German food and drinks, giveaways, and Kidsfest activities. In addition to a moon bounce, face-painting, and a clown, children attempted a new putting lane with an opportunity to win prizes.

La Salle's first post-game party entertained visitors in a "sports pub" setting with live music from an alumni band, The Union.

The Homecoming Weekend Book Drive also was a success. Thanks to Scholastic Books and generous donations during Homecoming weekend, La Salle will present Logan Elementary School with more than \$2,000 worth of books.



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